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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=GOVERNOR]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2007 9:03 AM  
**To:** Cayce; Sunny C (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: RE: Deputy Press Secretary's position

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**From:** ROGER WETHERELL [mailto:goodweather@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2007 7:38 AM  
**To:** Nizich, Michael A (GOV)  
**Cc:** Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: RE: Deputy Press Secretary's position

Good morning Mr. Nizich and Mr. Tibbles,

Now that Ms. Stapleton has decided to vacate her position, I would like to ask that you reconsider me for a press staff position within the Governor's office.

Each of you met with me several months ago and I remain fully confident that I am highly qualified to perform any and all necessary duties in the public affairs arena for Governor Palin.

You should still have my letter of interest, resume and brief portfolio in your possession for additional review.

Respectfully,

Roger W. Wetherell  
goodweather@gci.net  
723-3172

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**From:** "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>  
**Date:** Friday, August 3, 2007 8:25 am

Subject: RE: Deputy Press Secretary's position

To: ROGER WETHERELL <goodweather@gci.net>

> I left you a voice message that we were looking at some options  
> here and  
> that we would be getting back to you with some news hopefully very  
> soon. Sorry to have this drag on for you but we are considering a  
> few moves  
> here and don't have everything worked out yet. I will let you know as  
> soon as possible.

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> From: ROGER WETHERELL [mailto:goodweather@gci.net]  
> Sent: Wednesday, August 01, 2007 1:16 PM  
> To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)  
> Subject: Deputy Press Secretary's position  
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> Good afternoon Mr. Nizich,  
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> I was just wondering if a decision has been made regarding the deputy  
> press secretary position? I spoke with you two weeks ago. You  
> mentioned that I could expect to hear something last week, but I  
> didn't.  
> I hope I'm not pestering you too much on this matter. I simply remain  
> very much interested in filling the position and going right to  
> work if  
> I'm offered the opportunity.  
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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2007 8:50 AM  
**To:** Smith; Lynne M (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Weekly News Bulletin: Oct. 9-15, 2007

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**From:** Waste Business Journal [mailto:info@wastebusinessjournal.com]  
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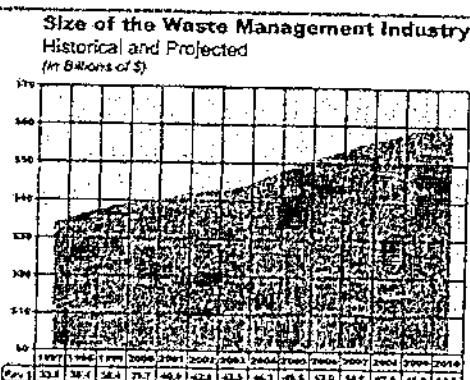
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### Waste Market Overview & Outlook

The Waste Market Overview examines the industry top to bottom covering waste generation, collection, processing, recovery and disposal by revenue and volume. The report details the relationship of past and future pricing to capacity and demand for disposal, and shows the increasing role of the private sector. Waste equipment and the emerging importance of e-waste, C&D recovery, food wastes, tires and medical wastes are examined.



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### 1. WASTE INDUSTRY LOOKS TO CONGRESS TO CLOSE RAIL LOOPHOLE

Under the guidance of Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ), the waste industry awaits Congressional lawmakers to move legislation that will close a loophole in federal transportation law that allows rail waste operations to avoid environmental requirements that apply to everyone else. His measure passed the Senate last month but some fear that it does not go far enough, especially with regard to the processing of construction and demolition debris stored on rail-based waste sites. There is further concern that facilities might still win particular exemptions from state and local environmental regulations. The House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee is expected to back a strict companion version of Lautenberg's original bill...[Read More »](#)

### 2. CHICAGO CONSIDERS PRIVATIZING RECYCLING AND TRANSFER STATIONS

The city of Chicago is considering privatizing via long-term lease the city's three recycling and transfer facilities. Those facilities are currently operated under a five-year, \$78.8 million contract held by Allied Waste Transportation. Proceeds from the waste transfer lease could be used to finance the otherwise cost-prohibitive switch to suburban-style, curbside recycling citywide. The plan would be to expand that program to 211 thousand households from the 80 thousand currently being served...[Read More »](#)

### 3. SPSA INTENDS TO STOP ACCEPTING OUT-OF-STATE WASTE NEXT YEAR

Virginia's Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA) plans to stop accepting out-of-state waste by next year. Those wastes emanate mainly from New York and North Carolina and account for about \$1 million in revenues. It has been a controversial issue ever since one of its eight members, the City of Chesapeake sued on those grounds to

break its contract with the Authority. Last year, SPSA was in negotiations with Covanta to import 2,500 tons per day into Portsmouth, but that deal later collapsed under withering opposition. However, the recent Supreme Court decision on Oneida-Herkimer has given the agency more options including the ability to exert flow controls which might direct all wastes through SPSA facilities rather than to those of private waste firms...Read More »

**4. SEN. LIEBERMAN CONFIDENT OF A CAP-AND-TRADE LAW IN CURRENT SESSION**

Senator Joseph Lieberman (D-CT) says that Congress is close to passing legislation during the current session that would establish a federal cap-and-trade program for controlling greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the United States. "I believe there is a substantial and increasing likelihood that both the Senate and the House will, by the end of next year, pass legislation mandating cuts in U.S. greenhouse gas emissions," the senator said during the World Environment Center's Washington Sustainability Forum in Washington, D.C. He will need more than 60 votes to override a threatened veto by President Bush...Read More »

**5. OHIOEPA IS URGING COUNTYWIDE LANDFILL TO MITIGATE SPREAD OF FIRE**

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency is urging the Countywide Recycling and Disposal Facility in Stark County to stop utilizing a 13-acre portion of the 6,000 ton per day, 258-acre landfill deemed to be on fire. OhioEPA wants the landfill owner Republic Services to construct a firebreak and take other agency approved measures to halt the migration of fires caused by aluminum chemical reactions...Read More »

**6. SONOCO PRODUCTS ACQUIRES SIX PLANTS FROM CARAUSTAR**

Sonoco Products Co., the world's largest maker of rigid paperboard containers, acquired the fiber containers and industrial plastic carriers assets of Caraustar Industries Inc. The acquisition includes six plants that employ 260 people whom make recycled paperboard containers and plastic cores, thread carriers and other packaging. Taken together, they generate about \$50 million in annual sales...Read More »

**7. WCA WASTE MAKES ACQUISITIONS IN ALABAMA, NORTH CAROLINA, OKLAHOMA AND TEXAS**

WCA Waste Corp. has made five "tuck-in" acquisitions in Alabama, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Texas. Among them are Waste Pro Services, LLC of Houston which operates 17 routes, two tuck-in acquisitions in North Carolina, with 11 routes in Greensboro and four in Raleigh, Big Red Containers, located in Oklahoma, and Roll-Off Rentals in Huntsville, Alabama. "This allows us to increase route density and internalize the volume which had not previously been taken to one of our landfills," said Tom Fatjo, chairman of WCA...Read More »

**8. PPL PARTNERS WITH GREATER LEBANON REFUSE AUTHORITY ON RENEWABLE ENERGY**

Power company PPL Corp. has teamed up with the Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority and opened a renewable energy facility that will use captured methane to create enough fuel to power 2,500 homes. PPL's PPL Renewable Energy unit plans to invest more than \$100 million in additional renewable energy projects in the next five years. The unit has developed renewable energy projects that total more than fifteen megawatts of generation. These include solar panel installations and landfill gas projects in Pennsylvania and New Jersey...Read More »

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**9. CONNECTICUT WASTE HAULER FIGHTS BACK, SUES CUSTOMERS**

In a twist of fate, Connecticut carting company Automated Waste Disposal, owned by James Galante who has been indicted in an ongoing mob corruption and racketeering scam, is now suing 19 area business and a rival firm for poaching his customers. Automated Waste charges that the businesses are breaching their contracts while Mid-Hudson Waste of Mahopac is engaging in "tortious interference" by encouraging them to do so. The 19 business acting as one consolidated defendant filed a motion to dismiss on the grounds of the illegal business practices by the plaintiff...[Read More »](#)

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**10. VEOLIA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES WINS 10-YEAR GASIFICATION CONTRACT**

Veolia Environmental Services won a 10-year contract to operate a gasification unit at Dow Corning's Midland, Michigan chemical plant. The gasification process will convert hazardous chlorinated organic liquids produced at the Dow Corning plant into two usable products – aqueous hydrochloric acid (HCl) and synthetic natural gas (Syngas). It removes the need to transport for offsite disposal and avoids the emissions of greenhouse gases. "This is a very cutting-edge process. It is the first time that the gasification process will be used commercially to recycle chlorinated organic liquids in the US," said Philippe Martin, President and CEO of Veolia ES Technical Solutions...[Read More »](#)

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**11. AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER AGREES TO PAY HISTORIC \$4.6 BILLION SETTLEMENT**

American Electric Power has agreed to settle a long-running federal lawsuit by agreeing to pay a \$4.6 billion fine, pay a \$15 million penalty, and spend \$60 million on projects to mitigate the adverse effects of its past excess emissions. The record settlement was announced today by the Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency. The lawsuit was originally filed in 1999. Under the Clean Air Act, any substantial modification of an existing power generation plant had to include new technology to cut emissions. But under the Bush Administration, the EPA attempted to roll back that requirement under certain circumstances. In March 2006, a federal appeals court struck down the EPA's exemption...[Read More »](#)

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**12. WAL-MART CANADA TO EXPAND SUCCESSFUL RECYCLING PROGRAM**

Wal-Mart Canada Corp. plans to expand its recycling program in stores nationwide following a successful pilot project in approximately one-third of its 293 outlets. The program uses a baler to create "sandwiches" comprised of a layer of plastic film pressed between two layers of cardboard. Plastic film and cardboard account for more than half of the

waste generated by Wal-Mart store operations...[Read More »](#)

**13. REPUBLIC TO ANNOUNCE 3RD QUARTER ON NOVEMBER 6**

Moody's Investors Service has placed the 'Baa2' senior unsecured debt rating of Republic Services Inc. (NYSE: RSG) on review for possible upgrade, citing Republic's consistent pace of internal revenue growth, the sustainability of its profit margins and moderate leverage for the current rating category. Meanwhile, Republic said that it will host a conference call at 8:30 a.m. (Eastern) on November 6 to announce and discuss third quarter financial results...[Read More »](#)

**14. WASTE INDUSTRIES USA TO ANNOUNCE 3RD QUARTER ON OCTOBER 30**

Waste Industries USA, Inc. will announce third quarter financial results at the close of markets on October 30 and host a conference call the following day at 2 p.m. (Eastern) to discuss them...[Read More »](#)

**15. WCA WASTE CORP. TO ANNOUNCE 3RD QUARTER ON OCTOBER 31**

WCA Waste Corp. will announce third quarter financial results at the close of markets on October 31, and host a conference call the next day at 8:30 a.m. (Eastern) to discuss them...[Read More »](#)

**16. HEIL PROMOTES MCHUGH NEW DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN SALES**

Heil Environmental promoted Bob McHugh to director of North American sales. McHugh has been with Heil since 1990 having joined as a product support manager. In 2001, he assisted in leading a team to obtain ISO 9001:2000 certification — making Heil the first refuse collection vehicle manufacturer in the United States to do so...[Read More »](#)

**17. NSWMA TO ADMINISTER OSHA GRANT FOR NEW DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM**

The National Solid Wastes Management Association (NSWMA) said that its driver safety training program has been approved by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). According to NSWMA's General Counsel David Biderman, "The program will focus on driver safety and the prevention of work-related motor vehicle accidents and fatalities, through space management training of up to 384 refuse industry drivers in 12 separate locations over a four week period." NSWMA has previously provided safety training tools under OSHA's grant program through its Be Safe, Be Proud video series...[Read More »](#)

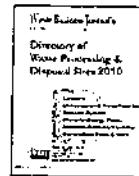
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Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2007 9:35 AM  
To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Personnel matter

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----- Original Message -----

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)  
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Wed Oct 10 09:33:11 2007  
Subject: RE: Personnel matter

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To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

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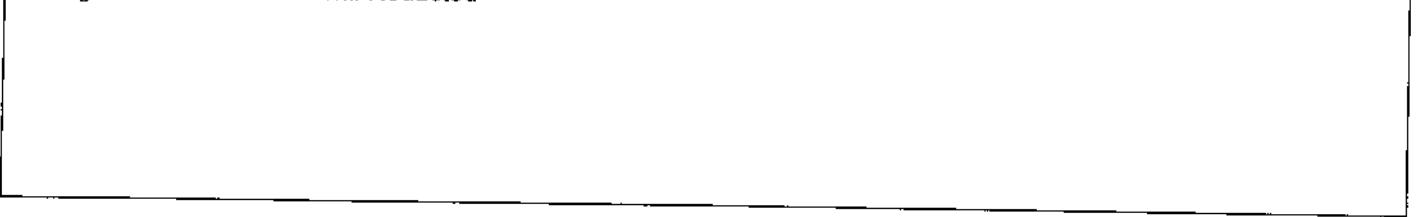
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To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)  
Sent: Wed Oct 10 08:59:28 2007  
Subject: FW: Personnel matter

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Let me know if there is anything I can do to help on this issue.

-Pat

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From: Ron Miller [mailto:[rmiller@aidea.org](mailto:rmiller@aidea.org)]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 5:18 PM  
To: Board of Directors  
Subject: Personnel matter

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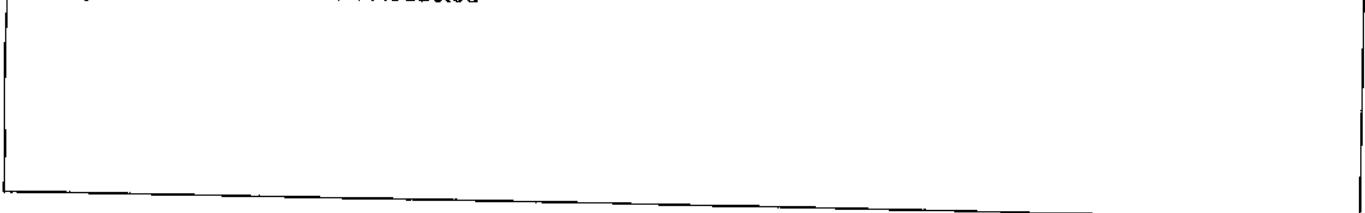
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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2007 9:27 AM  
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)  
Subject: Fw: Find the cactus

Un-flippin' believable that Fagan would blame Todd Palin for PSIO reaction.

Wonder how long the guy's going to get away with "untruths" he loves to spew.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Frank Bailey" <ftb907@yahoo.com>

Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 15:24:21

To:"Jeff Lowenfels" <jeff@gardener.com>

Subject: Re: Find the cactus

Well put Jeff. I didn't hear his discussion on turbines. I hear from so many that they stopped listening to Dan a while back. That is reflective in that his callers are all one sided. Dan's AOGA talking pts are running off his listeners. I just hope the masses aren't being lulled into agreement of all of his crap!

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Lowenfels <jeff@gardener.com>

Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 07:10:19

To:Dan Fagan <Dan@KFQD.COM>

Subject: Find the cactus

Hi Dan,

I am still outside. Back Thursday.....lunch soon?

I couldn't help noticing the following and thought of your comment that the Governor's Press Conference On Fires was just Grandstanding and just anti union junk prompted by Todd Palin. I think you need to find that cactus I gave you. We have a serious problem on the slope. The Gov pointed it out and you called it Grandstanding. Are you willing to admit you might have been, indeed were, wrong? Too bad BP obviously though it was grandstanding, too? If these turbines were on the next flight you take with Alaska Airlines, you would be very upset.....this is why her alert was important. Using the pulpit is what leaders do.....and in this case, it was certainly justified.

Damage from the fire itself was light, but the turbine bearings or other parts might need

work that could keep the huge engine shut down for up to two weeks, crimping oil production

by as much as 30,000 barrels a day, Beaudo said.

Cheers,

Jeff L

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2007 12:13 PM  
**To:** 'bill@slaydenplumbing.com'  
**Subject:** RE: FW: Final opportunity to resubmit

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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**From:** Bill Slayden [mailto:[bill@slaydenplumbing.com](mailto:bill@slaydenplumbing.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2007 12:07 PM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Cc:** Julie Duquette; Rebecca Logan; rep\_john\_harris@legis.state.ak.us; Therriault, Gene (LAA); rep\_john\_coghill@legis.state.ak.us; Ramras, Jay B (LAA)  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Final opportunity to resubmit

Dear Governor Palin,  
This again is not acceptable Please read Commissioner Bishop's directive below. It is merely a smoke screen by your Labor Commissioner. One week to re-submit! Who does he think he is kidding?

When can we expect a new Commissioner for the Department of Labor and Workforce Development that represents all Alaskans instead of a small minority that belongs to labor unions. You talk about ethics and transparency in State government. How about getting your own administration in order? Why do we have to sue our own government for fair and equitable treatment. I would suggest you lay off the legislative branch and concentrate on getting the executive branch cleaned up.

Thank you,  
William L. Slayden  
President, Slayden plumbing & Heating, Inc.  
North Pole and Wasilla, Alaska

Gentlemen - progress!!!! The DOL has temporarily seen the error of their ways and they are allowing people to resubmit grants that were denied for "formatting" errors - of course, as you'll note, they mention our lawsuit, that has nothing to do with formatting and everything to do with malfeasance!

Rebecca Logan  
President and CEO  
ABC Alaska  
565-5640

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**From:** Krista Crum [mailto:[krista@nitalaska.com](mailto:krista@nitalaska.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 09, 2007 3:46 PM  
**To:** Rebecca Logan; Joe Crum; Richie Crum; Joey Crum; Michele Bennett; Jamie

Tuttle; Michele Bennett

**Subject:** FW: Final opportunity to resubmit

**Importance:** High

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**From:** Labor, Commissioner (DOL sponsored) [mailto:commissioner.labor@alaska.gov]

**Sent:** Tue 10/9/2007 3:24 PM

**To:** eloehr@anthc.org; Garson, Andre J (CED); dward@akship.com; smwjatc@alaska.net; ajoseph@avcpousing.org; lu1555er@mosquitonet.com; lu1555bb@mosquitonet.com; csimeon@kuskokwim.org; Krista Crum; Local190@alaska.com; edavid5858@aol.com; howard.darling@tananachiefs.org; robin.frank@tananachiefs.org; ffrac@uaf.edu; treasuresangles@alaska.net; Tlongan@yuut.org; cedenshaw@nwarcilc.org

**Subject:** Final opportunity to resubmit

Based on numerous comments from State Training and Employment Program (STEP) grant applicants who failed to submit proposals that fully conformed with the August 6, 2007 Request for Grant Applications (RGA), and in order to provide the largest number of potential grantees to serve the Alaska public, the Department, after consultation with the Attorney General's office, has decided to allow applicant's whose proposals were deemed non-responsive a FINAL opportunity to correct and resubmit their proposals. Corrections will be limited to remedying technical inaccuracies only.

This opportunity to correct your proposal is due in part to the fact the STEP grant application process requirements were significantly changed as a result of a lawsuit filed in the Superior Court (*Associated Builders and Contractors, Alaska Chapter vs. State of Alaska, Department of Labor*, Case No. 3AN-06-6918 CI), where grant making process and procedures used by the Department were called into question. Accordingly, all grant applicants previously deemed "non-responsive" from the August RGA based on technical inaccuracies are being given one week to cure the technical infirmities in their previously submitted grant proposals to the August RGA. The deadline for corrected proposals to be received by the Department is 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 16.

If it is your intent to resubmit a corrected proposal, you or another representative of the applicant organization must participate in a MANDATORY teleconference hosted by Division of Business Partnerships to go over requirements of the RGA and respond to questions on resubmissions. You must attend (either in person or via teleconference) this session to be held on Friday, October 12, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Division of Business Partnerships' 2nd floor conference room, 1016 W. 6th Street, Suite 205, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501, or call-in number, 1-800-315-6338, Code 4647.

Division staff will contact each of you to provide details of the FINAL re-submission process.

Sincerely,  
Clark Bishop  
Commissioner  
Department of Labor and Workforce Development

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Web mail from: cee campbell  
address: 3601 arctic blvd #210 anchorage AK 99504

### MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,rnrnI am writing to you with a great sense of urgency regarding a matter that is a great injustice to the Alaskan people and the great state of Alaska.rnrnYour new administration is being taken advantage of by General Campbell, he is using you and your administration for his personal gain and to save face as the result of a poor idea. He is taking advantage of the fact that he was allowed to retain his position from the previous administration and he is playing heavily on the fact you probably do not have a lot of military experience nor are very familiar with the workings of the Guard and military.rnrnThe proposal to get rid of the 8 C-130 Hercules aircraft that belong to you and the people of the state of Alaska borders on criminal. rnrnThe recent BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) Committee saw the value of keeping these 8 aircraft in the state of Alaska and realized the value of the mission they perform and determined that the number of aircraft should be in

creased to 12.rnrnGeneral Campbell has an idea to create a new Air National Guard C-17 associate-squadron to the Air Force Active duty C-17 squadron. The Alaska Air National Guard associate squadron will not have any aircraft, only personnel. Apparently he decided this all on his own. rnrnGiven the current state of affairs of this great country, battling the war against terrorism on several fronts, military funds are very limited with most being used to fight the war on terrorism. General Campbell led everyone to believe the State of Alaska could support this new C-17 associate squadron and that the government to include Guard Bureau would fund this. He assured the members of the Alaska Air National Guard that none of the current flying squadrons would be shut down and they would not have to give up anything (apparently a lie). Things have not come to fruition as planned - Guard Bureau does not have the funds or resources to support this new associate squadron therefore they are

operating on a temporary basis and have !

not achieved squadron status or funding, the only way they can operate is as a Detachment, and he has now been given the ultimatum that if he want this new associate squadron he will have to shut down one of the other squadrons or give up his C-17 associate squadron that is still in its infancy. Apparently he has decided that in order to save face that he would shut down the Alaska Air National Guard 144th Airlift squadron and get rid of your and the State of Alaska's 8 C-130 aircraft. This decision that he is making for personal reasons is a great injustice to the State of Alaska and it's people. In these difficult times of cut backs and base closures he is wanting to take a gift (the additional 4 C-130 aircraft) and your current 8 C-130 aircraft and throw it back in the face of the BRAC committee and tell them not only do we not want the additional aircraft but we want to give up the 8 we have for absolutely nothing in return. There are no other aircraft out there to get; there .

is no trading to be done. The BRAC committee has given us the best deal we could hope for. Other states are loosing their aircraft (they are being taken from them) almost every other unit is being cut back. Except the Alaska Air National Guard - the BRAC committee has given you an additional 4 C-130 aircraft, but General Campbell has decided he doesn't want them. The BRAC decision is law, apparently General Campbell is currently trying to make several behind the scenes "deals" to try and get around the BRAC law. He is trying to circumvent this law by saying it doesn't apply to him and he doesn't have to abide by it. Given the current publicity surrounding Senator Stevens do we really want someone representing Alaska conducting that type of business and drawing that kind of negative attention to our great State simply to save face for an idea he had that didn't turn out. He is trying to save face and further his career at the expense of all Alaskans. The Alaska Air National Gu

ard used to be in very good standing with!

Guard Bureau, now it appears that because of all the attempts to "cut deals" and trying to find ways around the laws. Guard Bureau is all but fed up with us and he has destroyed our good relationship with them.rnrn>The state will no longer have 8 C-130 aircraft at its disposal to use in the case of emergencies. Given the diverse nature of this great state, it's size and limited road and rail access, there have been several instances where these C-130 aircraft have been the lifeline to our remote villages and have saved countless lives by delivering supplies and equipment to Alaskans in need. This is truly Alaskans helping Alaskans. rnrn>The illusion that the C-17 will be able to perform this same mission is a total fabrication. A salesman trying to make a sale. The C-17 will not be able to deliver the volume of supplies and equipment to any but the largest towns. On paper it may be able to land and take off at some of the smaller villages, but the aircraft will have to be lighten

ed, have minimum fuel, and not be able to deliver any substantial quantity of equipment because the aircraft alone is to big and too heavy. If you think the previous governors jet purchase was unnecessary this proposal is totally ridiculous. (By the way, thank you for getting rid of that jet - good job!)rnrn>You currently have 8 C-130 aircraft at your disposal that you own, and can be used at a moments notice if an emergency arises. If General Campbell is allowed to give these aircraft away the people of Alaska will pay the price. Even though you may be led to believe that the Active duty is going to allow you to use their C-17 aircraft as the need arises, I do not believe that to be the case.rnrn>I am willing to bet if you ask any other governor from any state with C-130 aircraft if they think this proposal of General Campbell's to give away your aircraft, is a good idea the answer will be a resounding NO! (Unless they will be the ones getting your aircraft).rnrn>General Campbell ca

n try to convince you that this is good f:

or the Alaska Air National Guard by giving you several alternatives to replacing these 8 aircraft, none of which hold water, again all it is is a sales pitch by someone trying to save face for a bad idea. Another reason this additional squadron is not a very good idea is that Alaska does not have the population base to support another squadron. rnrn>You are being persuaded to give up everything for nothing in return. This is a very bad deal for the State of Alaska and its people.rnrn>You have done such a fantastic job with the pipeline and ethics issues, I hope you can see through this absurd proposal and see it for

the snow job it is: Un-ethical, bad for Alaska, and simply one persons attempt to further his own agenda.rn rn The proposal to give away your 8 C-130 aircraft needs to be stopped immediately; once they are gone you will not get them back. The damage will be done and the people in Alaska, especially the rural areas will suffer the most. I believe this proposal (the start

up of the C-17 associate squadron at the cost of your 8 C-130 aircraft) at this particular time to be totally politically motivated by an individual with political aspirations with total disregard to the welfare of the people of the state of Alaska and the current mission of the Alaska Air National Guard. Currently the start up of the C-17 associate squadron is too ambitious and is at too great a cost to the Alaskan people. In a few years when the dust from the BRAC decision settles the start up of this new squadron may have more merit.rn rn Thank you for your timern Sincerely,rn One of your constituents and a very concerned Alaskan.rn I submit this with great personal risk and a great risk of retaliation to the current Alaska Air National Guard flying squadrons. I sincerely wish there were some sort of whistle blower protection in place as there is for other agencies.

ceecampbell@gmail.com

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From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [mike.tibbles@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 7:50 AM  
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: RE: Empire editorial

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Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 4:31 AM  
To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)  
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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 7:29 PM  
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
Subject: Conversation re ACES

Spoke with Rick Solie today. He indicated he thinks ConocoPhillips will keep its head down in the special session environment, indicating he doesn't think they will be super visible walking the halls. In his words, "We're just going to let the sovereign do what the sovereign is going to do."

He also indicated that he doesn't agree (and I couldn't tell whether it was him or if he was speaking for COP) with the high dollar ad campaign currently being run in print and on tv. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

Privileged or Pers Kind of interesting.

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**From:** Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 09, 2007 5:38 PM  
**To:** Schmidt; Joseph D (DOC)  
**Cc:** Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)  
**Subject:** Great article on prisons!

Thanks!

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 4:30 PM  
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)  
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Mayor Williams of Ketchikan

However it works. I'll certainly cont to try to get there!

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 09 Oct 2007 13:21:54

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>, "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Subject: Mayor Williams of Ketchikan

Governor,

I spoke with Mayor Williams of Ketchikan today and he was requesting an update on when you would be able to visit Ketchikan. I reiterated twice that we offered to have him come to Juneau for a meeting in the short-term and look at scheduling a Ketchikan trip at a later date. In my first conversation with the Mayor he requested a meeting in either location. I pointed out the schedule is very busy and with the special session coming up, it would be difficult to get to his community prior to the end of the special session. He was polite but there is always a possibility he will try to use our comments to stir things up.

We talked to DOT today about proceeding with the amending the EIS and record of decision regarding a new proposed alternative. DOT is working with fed highways now and we should be able to establish a date for DOT staff to visit Ketchikan, discuss the alternatives and take comments from the public.

Mike

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 4:13 PM  
To: PARSELL, S (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Fw: Dillon response

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 00:04:11  
To: "Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Re: Dillon response

I think this is sick, really.

I'm going to send it to Meg if you haven't already done so.

Who is this reporter, anyway? I know he's from Fairbanks, but what's his beef with us - and disparaging comments about Meg are unacceptable.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 09 Oct 2007 12:33:55

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Dillon response

Governor-

I called Dillon on this. I wanted him to be clear that Meghan had a very difficult pregnancy and has nothing but the deepest respect for you and your administration. He

appreciated the call. He did tell me that he knew Todd had called Speaker Harris to complain about Bitney. I'm sure it was Bitney who called Dillon - thus the land mine comment.

#### Alaskan Abroad

##### The ever-shrinking inner circle

New mom Meghan Stapleton is leaving the Palin administration to spend more time with her growing family. Her departure reduces Palin's inner circle to, well basically one plus her husband Todd.

Palin's closest advisers since the campaign have been Meghan, Mike Tibbles and John Bitney. Not even a year into the term and only Tibbles remains. Todd Palin has great influence over decisions coming from the Third Floor as well, but no one expects him to go anywhere.

There's some interesting speculation over Meghan's departure. Was it on good terms? These types of splits are always described as friendly, but seldom are. Bitney's exit was made at bayonet-point and he's now for the administration a political land mine waiting to go off. Meghan could be even more so in the future. It's no secret that she has political aspirations of her own. But let's give her the benefit of the doubt. Being a new mom is hard work and the position of lead flak for the governor would be stressful for anyone.

Maybe Meghan will reappear on the political scene, maybe not. Until then we'll be watching what Andrew Halcro says about her.

Palin's new press person is Beth Leschper. Beth's husband, Lee, is the advertising director for the Juneau Empire. They moved to the state in 2005, so Beth has a bit of catch up to do on Alaska issues. Welcome to the show.

#### Belated praise for Leighow

In my previous post about Meghan Stapleton's exit from Planet Palin, I forgot to mention the good job Sharon Leighow is doing as assistant press secretary. Sharon got thrown into the deep end when Meghan went on maternity leave and has had to juggle a heavy load of Alaskan and Outside press requests. I harass Sharon on a weekly basis and she always does her best to meet my early East Coast deadline. I much appreciate a spokesperson who responds in a timely manner even to potentially hostile questions. Thanks.

[http://alaskanabroad.typepad.com/an\\_alaskan\\_abroad/2007/10/belated-praise-.html](http://alaskanabroad.typepad.com/an_alaskan_abroad/2007/10/belated-praise-.html)

Sharon Leighow

Deputy Press Secretary

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 1:00 PM  
To: Persily, Larry A (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Empire editorial

Love it - your "always having an opinion". Keep it up.

Again, 20/20 hindsight lesson learned with the bridges.

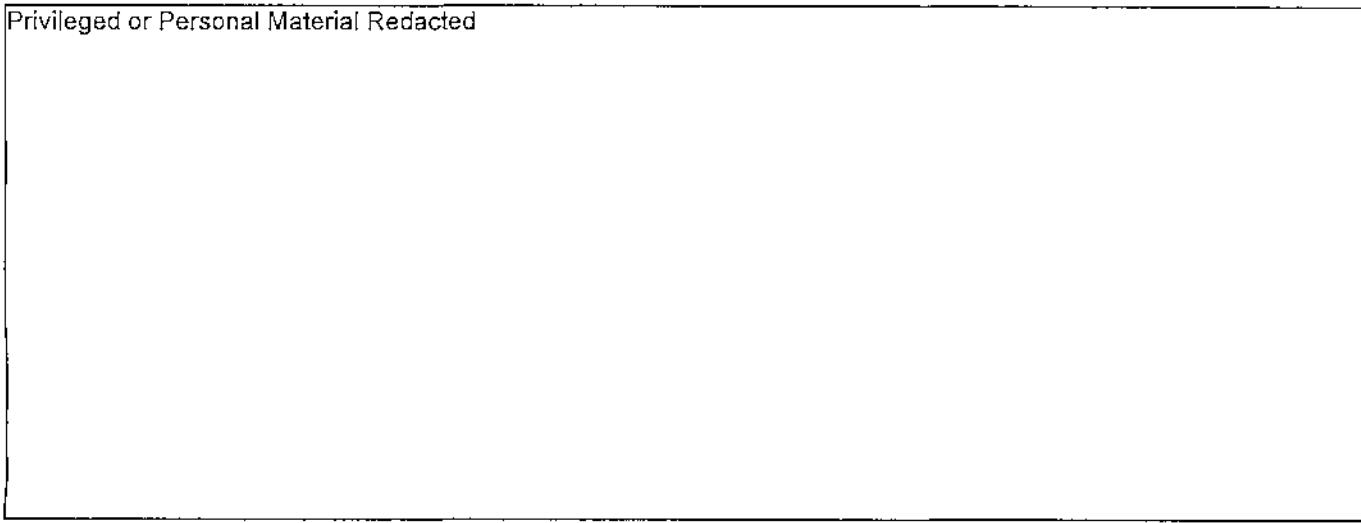
With the vetoes, too, except it was more obvious then that communications in/by Leg Liason office weren't quite right.

Thank you.

----- Original Message -----

From: Larry Persily <lpersily@ALASKADC.org>  
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Tue Oct 09 12:54:40 2007  
Subject: Re: Empire editorial

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Larry "Always With an Opinion on Everything" Persily

>>> "Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)" <govpalin@alaska.gov> 10/9/2007 3:14  
>>> pm >>>

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 11:40 AM  
To: donald.brown@eielson.af.mil  
Subject: RE: Fish\_and\_Game

Mr. Brown

Thank you for your email.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 11:53 AM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Fish\_and\_Game

Web mail from: Mr. Don Brown

address: 2322 Blue Sparkle North Pole AK 99705

907-4881432

MESSAGE:

Ma'am. I have to express my great appriation for shutting down Congressman Miller's proposal. We are Alaskans. We can manage and take care of our wildlife quiet well on our on. Once again thanks. You are do a AWSOME JOB. Don

donald.brown@eielson.af.mil

PLEASE ADD TO E-NEWS

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**From:** Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 09, 2007 11:15 AM  
**To:** Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)  
**Cc:** Leschper; Beth (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Ruaro; Randall P (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)  
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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 11:12 AM  
To: hutlanee@yahoo.com  
Subject: RE: Fish\_and\_Game

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 11:23 AM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Fish\_and\_Game

Web mail from: Mr. hugh mcpeck  
address: 8900 basher anchorage AK 99507  
9073380719

MESSAGE:

Gov. Palin, You almost made a Republican out of this life long Independent but your disregard for our natural resources, wildlife and the will of the people is very disturbing. Aerial wolf hunts are such a poor excuse for game management and allowing hunters near Katmai is beyond the understanding of a life long hunter, a believer in fair chase and a man who treasures what Alaska still has. Has, that most states have lost. Alaska is so unique but with a disregard for saving our wilderness we will soon become the shooting gallery of the world. Please take time to reconsider these points and I do thank you for your time and your ability to stand up to what is corrupt in our Govt. Sincerely, Hugh Mc Peck

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**From:** PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 09, 2007 11:06 AM  
**To:** 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Becky H.

We'll work to get her in the office by 11:45, Monday.

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**From:** PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 09, 2007 5:35 PM  
**To:** 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
**Subject:** FW: Dillon

Dillon's blog is read frequently by people like Mark Hanley and other oil patch types. Additionally, he has entre to Larry Persily and John Katz.

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**From:** Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2007 11:48 AM  
**To:** govpalin@alaska.gov  
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Cayce, Sunny C (GOV)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2007 11:24 AM  
**To:** Mason, Janice L (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Other

Here it is.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 26, 2007 11:02 AM  
**To:** tim2point0@gmail.com  
**Subject:** RE: Other

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Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 1:33 PM  
To: Sarah Palin; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)  
Cc: Cayce; Sunny C (GOV); Buck; Hannah K (GOV)  
Subject: Friday - Oct. 12

My [Privileged] will be having [Privileged or Personal] surgery this Friday, October 12 here in Juneau. I would like to be at the hospital with her during this time. I will have the laptop and available by email and cell. We will know on Thursday at her pre-op what time on Friday her surgery will be. I will then let you know if I will be out in the a.m. or the afternoon. Thank you, Janice

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**From:** John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2007 11:39 AM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin  
**Cc:** Joseph Balash; Michael Tibbles; Mike Nizich  
**Subject:** Chuck Hamel/The Latest

I have refrained from sending you most of Chuck's communications on the theory that they are best addressed by the regulators in charge.

However, I know of your continuing interest in investigating Chuck's concerns, and the attached email from him is a good summary of his current claims and allegations. So, I thought that you might want to see it.

As you will note, Chuck questions the adequacy of ongoing investigations and points to the lack of leadership and coordination among government regulators. In my opinion, DNR, particularly Jonne Slemmons, is doing a great job of responding to him, but he would probably disagree with this conclusion.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is [jwkatz@alaskadc.org](mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org). Thank you .

>>> On 10/8/2007 at 1:58 PM, in message <[d6a.e84b9d2.343bc9ba@cs.com](mailto:d6a.e84b9d2.343bc9ba@cs.com)>,  
<HamelChuck@cs.com> wrote:

Fire Marshalls' reports have been discussed in media.  
I appreciate you offer to forward this morning the  
F Marshalls' reports that were provided to the media.  
ADNews and KTUU quoting F Marshalls has brought out of the  
woodwork by emails to me, knowledgeable 'experts' of the  
'failed' fire suppression system. I have advised them to lay low  
cause I don't have any idea of who in the Palin Administration  
can provide them protection. Who to trust?  
After two months since our alert, the Regulators have yet to  
recognize the system 'failure' – either deliberate in complicity  
with BP – confused, or whatever.

Hope you or John Katz can help us understand... between PSIO,  
the Marshalls, OSHA, DNR, and ADEC who is the Governor's  
top person over her Regulators (where does the buck stop) or is  
the oversight established just as individual agency efforts (and just  
a muddle)?

I am concerned that Governor Palin will be publicly embarrassed  
soon.  
I don't believe any of the Regulators realize the seriousness of the  
'deferred maintenance' caused accident 'failure' and 'cover-up'.  
Dragging on the 'cover up' does not benefit Governor Palin.

Chuck

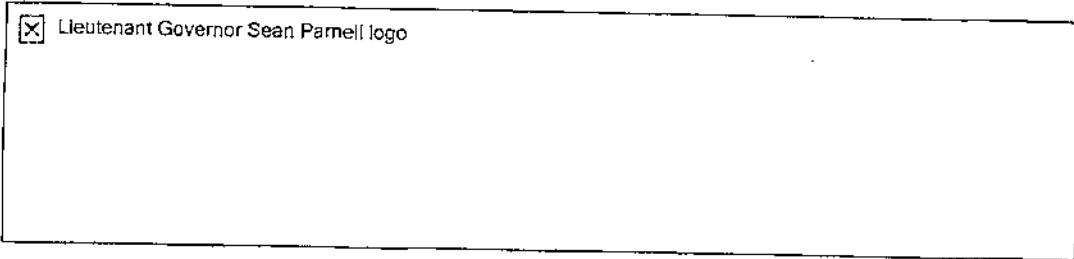
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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 09, 2007 10:59 AM  
**To:** Smith; Lynne M (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Lieutenant Governor's Report - October 8, 2007.htm

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**From:** Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell (GOV sponsored) [mailto:lt.governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2007 4:47 PM  
**To:** lt\_governor@list.state.ak.us  
**Subject:** Lieutenant Governor's Report - October 8, 2007.htm



**Lieutenant Governor's Report**  
by Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell  
October 8, 2007

Welcome!

Welcome to the latest edition of your Lieutenant Governor's Report. I spent much of the last few weeks visiting communities in the Mat-Su Valley, Copper River Valley and Prince William Sound, the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and Western Alaska. In this report, I'll update you on the victories and concerns of Alaskans across the state, particularly in our schools. Read on!

**Spotlight on Alaska's Schools**

**Sutton Elementary School/Mat-Su Valley**

Senator Gene Therriault, my Chief of Staff (COS) Jay Pullins, and I visited several schools in the Mat-Su Valley, including Sutton Elementary School, where we were given a tour by Principal Katherine Fennell. The school recently received funds for new playground equipment from this year's capital budget, and the Sutton Elementary students look forward to enjoying their new school yard.

Principal Fennell also expressed concerns over how the performance incentive payments for school staff may be applied inequitably.

**Glacier View School/Mat-Su Valley**

We also stopped at Glacier View School, which serves 45 students grades K-12.

After eating lunch with the kindergarten through third grades, Senator Therriault, COS Pullins, and I were given a tour of the school by Principal Wendy Taylor. We also had the opportunity to speak with teachers and a group of high school students, who expressed a need for more wood-working equipment, and spoke highly of Principal Taylor.

### **Glennallen Elementary School**

In Glennallen we toured the construction of the new elementary school with Principal Michael Johnson and members of the school board. We also walked through the gym in the old school where I wrestled as a high school student - and where my Glennallen opponent prevailed.

### **Copper Center School**

As our trip progressed we moved deeper into the Interior and visited Copper Center School. Copper Center School is a small, high achieving school of about 45 kindergarten through sixth grade students. We met with Principal Byron Rice and his dedicated teachers and staff.

We learned that, even though Copper Center has some difficult social issues, the school appears to be a real light of hope for the children and parents they serve. I commend Copper Center School's team of teachers and administrators for each person's willingness to selflessly give to these children.

### **Galena**

I visited the Interior-Alaska village of Galena and spent the morning visiting the school, medical clinic, city utilities, the city police, and speaking with staff from the Office of Children's Services. That afternoon I was given an in-depth tour of another school, the Galena Interior Learning Academy, or GILA.

I was very impressed with GILA's campus and enjoyed sharing in the ribbon-cutting ceremony with Elder Sidney Huntington to open GILA's new Ptarmigan Dorm. I was greatly encouraged by the strong sense of community in Galena, and I applaud their investment in their young people, as shown by both Sidney Huntington School and GILA. As a community, Galena is taking great strides to strengthen not only the future of their village, but the future of Alaska.

### **Hooper Bay**

I recently visited the village of Hooper Bay, and I applaud the community for its recovery and "can do" attitude following a devastating fire just over a year ago. The fire, which wiped out the school and homes in an area where between 60 to 80 village residents lived, did not destroy the hopes or futures of the residents who live there. I found promising signs of recovery and community - from a fully functioning new school, to a new water treatment plant, to construction of a number of new homes for those whose homes were destroyed in the fire.

Besides the courageous people of Hooper Bay, I especially want to recognize

Samaritan's Purse for stepping in and providing volunteer labor and materials last fall to replace homes; for working this summer to build a new teen center among other structures; and for teaching students of the Hooper Bay School worthwhile job skills, like carpentry, which went toward high school credit - as the high school students worked side by side with Samaritan's Purse volunteers to rebuild village structures lost to fire.

Although we have a long way to go in Hooper Bay to bring safe water and sewer services to the people and to provide safe, adequate landfill services, the volunteers who willingly gave of their time and incorporated village residents and students into the work may have provided a useful model for how to accelerate such projects in the future - providing hope and opportunity along the way.

#### Chevak

I visited the village of Chevak with Commissioner Larry Hartig and Bill Griffith of the Department of Environmental Conservation recently.

We visited with the mayor, council members, and education leaders who provided a first-hand view of water and sewer facilities, school facilities, erosion issues, and the need for road work. I particularly enjoyed my visit to Chevak School, where I ate lunch with a group of students and learned about their love of sports and their upcoming state cross-country meet in Palmer.

Every day positive things are occurring in Alaska's schools, and credit is due to the educators, staff, and parents - they are the true heroes. They daily shape the lives of Alaska's next generation and I am grateful for what they do.

#### Domestic Violence Awareness Month

On the first of the month, Governor Palin declared October to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month in a ceremony held at Loussac Library. Please click here to read her proclamation.

A few days later, both the governor and I had the opportunity to speak to the Anchorage Woman's Club on the topic of domestic violence, and together we addressed the responsibility of both the state and local communities to overcome domestic violence in Alaska.

Alaska ranks too high when it comes to many negative statistics, including domestic violence, sexual assault, and suicide. We must wipe out this cancer that is killing Alaska's marriages, families, and communities. The only way to accomplish this is for our neighbors, friends, families, and fellow survivors to speak out and set the standard that domestic violence is not acceptable in our homes or communities. Together, we can make a difference and end domestic violence in Alaska.

#### Anchorage Community Spotlight: Arctic Paws

I had the opportunity in September to tour the Anchorage production facility of Brett

Gibson's "Arctic Paws," an authentic Alaskan business famous for producing "Yummy Chummies." Brett provided a very educational tour, showing me the ins and outs of the production process: using quality, fresh ingredients and processing and packaging it right here in the state, Arctic Paws is an Alaskan success story - using Alaskan products and labor, and strengthening the Alaskan economy. Brett also shared with me his concerns regarding a proposed municipal Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) and the negative effects it could have on his business. I appreciated Brett's time and his willingness to share concerns and ideas. The Palin/Parnell Administration remains committed to creating an environment of opportunity for Alaskan business owners.

### Photos From Around Our State

1. "Knik River," by Brian Phillips.
2. "Waylon Woodall in Peters Creek," by Brian Phillips.
3. "Enjoying God's Creation," by Brian Phillips.
4. "Halibut Cove Otter," Lisa Torkelson submitted this photo of an otter at Halibut Cove, saying, "He practically posed for me!"

The next four pictures were submitted by LaVonne Geffe and highlight the wild beauty our state possesses - and the reason that so many have been drawn to Alaska.

5. "Pioneer Peak from Hatcher's Pass," by LaVonne Geffe.
6. "Swan Lake," by LaVonne Geffe.
7. "Autumnal Landscape," by LaVonne Geffe.
8. "Alaskan Sunset," by LaVonne Geffe.

### In Closing...

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this report. Our readers report how much they enjoy the pictures that have been submitted in past reports, so please remember to send in your pictures and community spotlights to Kate Morgan. If you are not yet a subscriber to this report but would like to be, please click here. On occasion, events occur that warrant a special announcement or press release. If you would like to be added to our media list, please click here. Thank you for your time, Alaska, and I look forward to updating you next month!

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 09, 2007 1:57 PM  
**To:** Smith; Lynne M (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: STEP Program

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**From:** Bill Slayden [mailto:bill@slaydenplumbing.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 09, 2007 1:53 PM  
**To:** Scavera, Paula D (DOL)  
**Cc:** rep\_john\_harris@legis.state.ak.us; rep\_john\_coghill@legis.state.ak.us; Therriault, Gene (LAA); Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Wilken, Gary R (LAA); Rebecca Logan; Bill Watterson; Jim Watterson; George Osborne; Jake Jacobson; Julie Duquette  
**Subject:** STEP Program

Dear Ms.Scavera

Listed below are my concerns with the STEP program and pending legislation:

1. Private employers have been exempted from the program through the elimination of tuition-based training.
2. The responsibility for the program is given to the AWIB board in Alaska Statute and the program should be taken from the Division of Business Partnerships and returned to the AWIB board.
3. Renewing grants at the discretion of the DOL without a public process is illegal.
4. Considering grant applications as private property and unavailable for public review is illegal.
5. Denying grants for formatting errors prior to evaluating the merit of the project is poor management.

The program and pending legislation is discriminatory and will result in multiple legal actions. Please remind the Governor that at least 80% of Alaska's work force is non-union and that the Department of Labor represents all Alaskans, not just those that belong to a union. Last time I checked the name of the DOL has not been changed to the Department of Organized Labor.

Thank you,  
William L. Slayden  
President, Slayden Plumbing & Heating, Inc.  
1999 Richardson Highway, North Pole, Alaska 99705  
3230 East Palmer/Wasilla Highway, Wasilla, Alaska 99687  
(907) 488-3359

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 10:44 AM  
To: 'kaynoble@starband.net'  
Subject: RE: Education

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Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 9:53 AM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Education

Web mail from: Ms. Kay Noble  
address: HC 33 BOX 30600 Nenana AK 99760  
907.322.5582

MESSAGE:

Dear Sarah,  
First let me tell you that I am so proud of you and the job that you are doing for us. Thank you.  
My son Ben who is everything to me was having trouble understanding some of the concepts in his algebra class, after discussing what we should do about it we decided to call the teacher and ask her if she could tutor him a bit to get him back on track as I do not understand algebra myself and am unable to help him in this subject. I was told kindly that she was so overloaded that she simply didn't have the time.  
Our math teacher, who is so dedicated to her students that she comes in 1 hour before school to help advanced students is doing all she can. We need another math teacher. Our principal Joe Kraus is in the class many days helping to the best of his ability. Joe informs me that Nenana took a 1.4 million cut to meet their budget this year. After doing a little research on what schools are getting, I found that Nenana which receives only \$1200-\$1500 a student. Compa

red to Mt. Edgecomb's 1800. Not to mention Galena's School District which is actually expanding. So my question is why isn't Nenana getting more money? We pay almost \$7.00 a gallon for milk here, and gas is 3.50 a gallon, why is it that here where things are so expensive we get so little for our children. I am not on the school board but rather just a concerned mother worried about the education that her son is receiving. This is Ben's JR year. It is very important that he has a sound understanding of algebra. Ben wants to become a teacher and teach at the Nenana School. College is only 2 years away and he will be required to take algebra classes in college, which I can only pray at this time that he will be ready for. Time is of the essence here. My choices are null. What can you do to help me, my son and the students of Nenana Schools, which include children from all over Alaska as we have a boarding school here.  
I hope you can take some time to address this Sarah, as I am feeling

very sad about the whole situation. rnWarm!

Regards, rnKay NoblernNenana, AK

kaynoble@starband.net

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 10:28 AM  
To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored); Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Meeting with Becky H.

11:45 looks like the only open time on my end  
Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)" <sr.parnell@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 08 Oct 2007 17:06:21  
To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Subject: Fw: Meeting with Becky H.

Do any of the times below work for you to see Becky H in my office next Monday?

Just got back to Nome from Shishmaref. Went there today as we were weathered out of Wales.

----- Original Message -----

From: Showalter, Kristine D (GOV)  
To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)  
Cc: Pullins, Jay D (GOV)  
Sent: Mon Oct 08 12:24:01 2007  
Subject: Meeting with Becky H.

LG:

Becky can meet with you next Monday at either 815a (prior to your conference at 9 that the Governor is speaking at), at noon (directly after your meeting with the Gov, scheduled to end at 1145), or after 3pm. You have the afternoon blocked off as do not schedule since you are headed to DC the next morning.

I told her to plan on noon for now, unless you decide to pick another time. You also have a 115 with the British Consul General.

We could bring lunch up from Dianne's if you want, or just let her know it will be a "working lunch" and to bring something with her if she wants.

KS

Kristine Showalter I Deputy Chief of Staff

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Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 10:33 AM  
To: K Perry; M Nizich; Mike Tibbles; John Katz; Craig Campbell; Todd  
Cc: Beth Leschper; Sharon Leighow  
Subject: Re: "America Supports You"/Great Alaska Shoot Out

Sounds really good- and I apologize for forgetting to respond to him earlier... just didnt know who to send him to and sort of spaced out his request the last week or two. Perhaps this is something the First Gentleman could participate in also - we usually do attend the Shootout.

Pls tell Dan it's a great idea - whatever I can do to help - but we'll have to direct him to someone who's got time to be real effective in helping him.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Tue, 09 Oct 2007 13:11:11

To: "Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Kris Perry" <kris\_perry@gov.state.ak.us>, "Michael Tibbles" <michael\_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>, "Mike Nizich" <mike\_nizich@gov.state.ak.us>, "Craig Campbell" <craig.campbell2@us.army.mil>

Subject: "America Supports You"/Great Alaska Shoot Out

Dan Wilmot, your DoD escort to Kuwait, asked me to follow-up on the = attached email which he sent to you previously.

As you will note, Dan is suggesting various interactions between the = Alaska military and participants in the Great Alaska Shoot Out. = Presumably, Dan will follow-up, but he needs to know whether these = activities would have your blessing.

Thanks for taking a look at this.

Please note that my email address has = changed. My new email address = is <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. = Thank you .

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**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2007 8:46 AM  
**To:** USAJET@GMAIL.COM  
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**Sent:** Saturday, October 06, 2007 8:20 AM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Fish\_and\_Game

Web mail from: Mr. BRIAN BELL  
address: 15620 STANWOOD CIRCLE ANCHORAGE AK 99516  
907-250-5252

MESSAGE:

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address: 7330 East Riley Alexander Circle Palmer AK 99645

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,rnCan you explain to me how you can support this so called hunt in Katmai National Park? It is appalling to me that you as a lifelong Alaskan can look at these images and be able to sleep at night. This isn't hunting; it's a lazy way of hunting. It is unfortunate that when people get into power they can be so easily corrupted and separated from the normal people of this state. I'm sure you will never see this email due to the political filters in place, but if you do, you should be ashamed of yourself.rnSincerely,rnJoseph SlaglernPalmer,  
Alaska (<http://www.adn.com/news/alaska/wildlife/story/9359737p-9270866c.html>)

asjls26@mtaonline.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 8:43 AM  
To: scheffler@gc.net  
Subject: RE: Fish\_and\_Game

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Saturday, October 06, 2007 9:23 AM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Fish\_and\_Game

Web mail from: Ms. Dorothy Scheffler  
address: 3700 Bull Moose Dr Wasilla AK 99654  
376-2545

MESSAGE:

First it was the killing of the wolves that we indicated we were against and now the bears. I know you and your family are hunters but surely there is a limit.  
Are we, the senior citizens next?  
I appreciate all you are doing or us and the state but am ashamed of all the killings.  
sincerely,  
Dorothy Scheffler

scheffler@gc.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 8:37 AM  
To: BigDabber@hotmail.com  
Subject: RE: Military\_and\_Veterans\_Affairs

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Saturday, October 06, 2007 2:48 PM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Military\_and\_Veterans\_Affairs

Web mail from: Daniel Berry  
address: 318 2nd Ave EXT S Seattle WA 98104  
619-243-6801

### MESSAGE:

I am proud of our Alaska A.N.G. and would like to have them honored by all alaskans publicly if you would assist by establishing a Special Alaska Service Metal with added privilages for all who have served in this A. N. G. unit during this period. Daniel A. Berry

BigDabber@hotmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 8:34 AM  
To: 'slainte@xplomet.com'  
Subject: RE: Other

Ms. DeMerchant:

Thank you for wonderful email!

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2007 3:34 AM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Paula DeMerchant

address: 239 Route 725, Little Ridge, New Brunswick Canada  
506-466-2037

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MESSAGE:

Recently my husband and I returned from a trip to your beautiful state and had the time of our lives. We booked a cruise tour through Princess Cruises which included a land tour of Anchorage, Denali National Park, Fairbanks, the Dalton Highway and ending in Prudhoe Bay before returning to Anchorage and a tour of the Native Alaska Heritage Centre. The cruise portion included College Fjord, Glacier Bay National Park, Skagway, Juneau and Ketchikan. I know I don't have to tell you what a treasure you have in Alaska when it comes to land and scenery and people in general but I would like to bring to your attention the efforts of someone in particular that we had the opportunity to spend some time with during our trip. His name is Greg Robbe and he is a bus driver with Princess Cruises based out of Fairbanks. Greg was our driver and tour guide during the Dalton Highway and Prudhoe Bay portion of the tour (3 days). His knowledge of Alaska, its history, people, culture and in partic

ular the Dalton Highway was amazing. We learned so much from him but at the same time in three short days we all became friends because of him. He is a true ambassador for your state and I think someone that should be recognized for it. Most of the employees we met with Princess Cruises were university students or migrant workers that were in Alaska working for the summer and overall did a good job but at the end of the summer they return to their studies/homes and very few are even from Alaska, so it was refreshing to be able to spend time with someone who works and lives in Alaska and whose knowledge was so vast. Greg is a true gentleman and our experience of Alaska was made richer because of him. Also, of particular note...our bus actually broke down on the Dalton Highway (approximately 4 hours)...yep, in the middle of nowhere...we had a blast!!!! This experience actually brought us closer together and made the trip more memorable. The reason I mention this is becaus

e everyone stopped to offer their help an!

d any spare parts they had on hand (this included an Alaska State Highway mechanic).

Truck drivers, caribou hunters, pipeline workers they all stopped...it was very much appreciated by all of us and it was heartwarming because where we come from people don't normally stop to offer assistance because of fear.  
So, Governor Palin, our hats off to everyone in Alaska for truly making this our most memorable life experience.  
Sincerely  
Paula and Peter DeMerchan  
239 Route 725  
Little Ridge, New Brunswick  
Canada E3L 5N5

slainte@xplornet.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 8:30 AM  
To: throcktherock@gmail.com  
Subject: RE: Military\_and\_Veterans\_Affairs

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2007 9:19 AM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Military\_and\_Veterans\_Affairs

Web mail from: Mr. Russell Throckmorton  
address: 8025 Normanshire ct. Anchorage AK 99504  
n/a

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin, rn I am currently deployed with D co. 3/297th Infantry Alaska National Guard. I am not writing to complain. I am writing because I know how the Alaska National Guard works when it comes to awards. There are awards that are given that are deserved and not deserved, which cheapen the value of the awards given. This leaves us as enlisted soldiers at time to create our own awards that mean much more then any medal or ribbon that can be given by command. I am writing to tell you of one such award we have created to acknowledge an outstanding and exceptional squad leader that will be given to say thank you for true dedication, hard work, leadership and on occasion "bullyness". rn Staff Sergeant Jamie Nyquist was the type of leader who always leads from the front. SSGT Nyquist was a hard man to work for because his standards were always high but at the same time easy to work for because we always knew his standards and it was unwavering. I can remember cou

ntless nights at our mobilization in Camp Shelby, MS that his whole squad would be asleep after a long day of training and he would be typing away on his computer updating manning rosters and other critical documents. All training was the same way with SSGT Nyquist. When other squads and platoons would be "blowing off" training SSGT Nyquist would have us out training and retraining. He always knew our true limits and pushed us to that limit. In Mississippi he was dubbed the "Ranger Bully" because he wouldn't let us get away with anything. rn When we arrived in Kuwait with a low tempo mission you thought that he would lighten up... not a bit. He always kept the standard. I remember one time I decided it would be funny to make a funny noise on the radio while on shift. Lets just say it would not be a mistake I or the platoon would make in the near future. When we started working in Iraq I saw a lot of squad leaders try to act professional because we were receiving a "real missio

n". Not SSGT Nyquist's squad. We had tru!

ly been trained and honed for that very moment. rn Once we started working in Iraq, SSGT Nyquist's standards were adopted by many other squads. There were many nights in the squad had little sleep because we had a standard to keep and would never let it slip because we knew the "Ranger Bully" was always watching. His standards for his squad was high but not higher then his own. Many nights he would go without sleep (while we slept) to ensure that new lights were installed on vehicles or radios were properly working. I cannot even imagine all the thing he did that we never knew about and probably never will know about to ensure success of our mission. rn Staff Sergeant Nyquist is what I imagine every NCO should aspire to be. He would make training and work fun but always took it serious. The soldiers underneath him did not all come to the mission with a Infantry background but I am sure if put against any other infantry National Guard squad they would amaze any National Guard g

eneral. SSGT Nyquist is never one to says he deserves extra acknowledgment or any praise but his squad members know he deserves more then any award that can be given to him by a command. rn At Camp Shelby, MS. the remainder of SSGT Nyquist's squad is giving him a simple award thanking him for his leadership. It is a piece of ACU clothe with an Alaska National Guard patch, Airborne tab, Ranger tab, and a fictional BULLY tab. There are rumors that you will be at Camp Shelby for our demobilization ceremony. I was wondering if you do make your way down there if you could be there when we give it to him. I think that it would make it mean that much more to him. Thank you for your time Governor. rn Sincerely, rn SGT Russell Throckmorton

throcktherock@gmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 8:25 AM  
To: Adalhide@hotmail.com  
Subject: RE: Military\_and\_Veterans\_Affairs

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2007 12:18 PM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Military\_and\_Veterans\_Affairs

Web mail from: Ms. Heidi Spillman  
address: 2730 Easthaven Circle Anchorage AK 99508

### MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin, rnrn I am a wife of one of the soldiers that will be returning home soon. Those soldiers have been deployed for 15 months and have been very dedicated and devoted to our state and the Alaska National Guard. My husband is one of the soldiers in the advanced party in Camp Shelby, MS. They have now completed all of their de-mob and are just waiting on one thing. And that is, their date to come home. The soldiers are sitting around doing nothing instead of being with their families. They were told that they have to stay down there to be in a formation that can be done in Alaska. I do not understand why this welcome home formation has to be done in Camp Shelby, when it can be done in their home state and then the families can be involved as well. Haven't we waited long enough for our husbands, fathers, and sons to come home and now we have to just wait for them to come home in two weeks when they can be home today? These soldiers and their family deserve to have a pro-

per welcome home in Alaska. I would like to know why waist our tax payers money to just let our soldiers sit there. I'm sure the soldiers would love for their families to be with them over the dignitaries. If you respond back to this, please help me understand why I can't have my husband in my arms today rather than two weeks from now and why it is so important to have a welcome home formation for the ALASKA Army National Guard in Camp Shelby, Mississippi? I would appreciate your support for our troops and their families.

Adalhide@hotmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 8:19 AM  
To: jessteel@gmail.com  
Subject: RE: Fish\_and\_Game

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Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2007 4:19 PM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Fish\_and\_Game

Web mail from: Ms. Jessica Teel  
address: PO Box 1426 Homer AK 99603  
907-235-1385

MESSAGE:

I AM ALASKAN AND I OPPOSE BEAR HUNTING OF HABITUATED BEARS IN KATMAI PRESERVE. rnStop this cruel practice which even the majority of hunters oppose. rn rn Jessica Teel,  
MArnHomer Alaska

jessteel@gmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 8:13 AM  
To: fall@gci.net  
Subject: RE: Fish\_and\_Game

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Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2007 10:23 PM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Fish\_and\_Game

Web mail from: Mr. John Watson  
address: 8201 Spruce Street Anchorage AK 99507  
349-4782

MESSAGE:

Govenor Paylin, I am a libertarian but I voted for you in the last election. I just viewed the bear hunt at the Katmai reserve and I am quite concerned. I believe that even though it may be legal for a bear hunt in a certain area, if bears are so accustomed to human presence then they should be off limits. What I saw was a disgrace to all hunters, of which I am one. Your response? John Watson 8201 Spruce Street Anchorage, AK 99507  
fall@gci.net

fall@gci.net

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From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV) [kris.perry@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 7:39 AM  
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)  
Subject: RE: Rhonda

Will do. I'll talk w/Nizich.

-----Original Message-----

From: "Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)" <govpalin@alaska.gov>  
To: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>  
Sent: 10/8/2007 7:16 AM  
Subject: Rhonda

Pls find out how much the rural affairs advisor position pays - dont tell mike who's being considered yet - he'll not like the flexibility of allowing the person being headquartered where they need to be most effective. Pls call rhonda and ask her to call me when convenient, after you know more details of pay and anything else to add. Maybe Nizich should be the one providing the info as tibbles may be busy.

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To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)  
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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 1:07 PM  
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Campbell; Craig (MVA)  
Subject: Re: Other

Pls ask mike where we go with these.

----- Original Message -----

From: Mason, Janice L (GOV)  
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Mon Oct 08 11:47:59 2007  
Subject: FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: Cayce, Sunny C (GOV)  
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2007 11:24 AM  
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)  
Subject: FW: Other

Here it is.

-----Original Message-----

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2007 11:02 AM  
To: tim2point0@gmail.com  
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2007 12:21 PM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Timothy Kuklis  
address: 9708 Dinaaka Drive Eagle River AK 99577  
907-694-3136

MESSAGE:

Dearest Governor Palin, rn rn I was looking over my options for the furture, and without a doubt plan to serve in the United States Army. However, I would like to join as an officer, and after looking up more information, I would like nothing more than to attend the Unites States Military Acadamy at West Point. I understand that it is possible to obtain Governor's appointment to the military acadamies, and was wondering how I can go about recieving such an appointment from you. I am a senior at Eagle River High School in Eagle River, and am an AFJROTC Cadet. I hope that I can hear back from you on this issue, as this is my entire future that I am planning for. Thank you for your time. rn rn Timothy Kuklis

tim2point0@gmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 11:31 AM  
To: 'mcd041957@yahoo.com'  
Subject: RE: Economic\_Development

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 11:08 AM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Economic\_Development

Web mail from: Mr. James McDermott  
address: 123 Chief Evan Drive Fairbanks AK 99709  
907-374-4749

MESSAGE:

Hello Governor,  
As a Director of one of the regional Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) in Fairbanks, I am concerned that the State wide leadership at SBDC is losing many of their best professionals due to a lack of quality management. The State wide SBDC offices fall under UAA Business College Department and are now under the direct leadership of a leader who has (in my opinion) communications skills that seem more confrontational than nurturing. I believe the SBDC's are crucial to the economic development within our state but the focus now seems on getting donations versus economic development. Please look into the management of the SBDC for Alaska and I ask that you please don't publish my name because I am concerned of reprisals.  
Thank you,  
James C. McDermott, M.S.  
Business Organizational Management Specialist  
907-750-1199

mcd041957@yahoo.com

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From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV) [kris.perry@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 9:33 AM  
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: RE: Rhonda

I spoke with Nizich and he anticipates between \$82k - \$85k. I can't think of any other pertinent details. While I'm not familiar with KTUU's benefit package, I would imagine State benefits - insurance, leave and retirement - to be an attraction. When she and I spoke, she inquired on location, Anchorage or Juneau. I told her it would likely be Anchorage. She also asked about timing, because of sweeps in November and I said that there may be some flexibility there.

Should she want more information, i.e. benefits, I can gather that info for her.

I'll call her now and ask that she give you a call.

Kris

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Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 7:16 AM  
To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)  
Subject: Rhonda

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 9:18 AM  
To: wj\_phillips@hotmail.com  
Subject: RE: Military\_and\_Veterans\_Affairs

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2007 1:54 PM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Military\_and\_Veterans\_Affairs

Web mail from: William Phillips  
address: 35555 Spur Hwy #294 Soldotna AK 99669

MESSAGE:

We are traveling, and we saw in the ADN that your son has joined the Army. May God protect him.  
Just in case your military affairs guy has not informed you there is an Alaskan National Guard unit of approximately 47 men and women who will be deployed to Iraq this month. They are currently completing their training in Alaska at Ft. Rich.  
According to my so-in-law their duty assignment, convoy protection and checks points, will be in one of the most dangerous areas in Iraq. He did not have to return so soon, but he felt an obligation to the green troops he has helped to train to be there to help reduce casualties. He believes the unit will suffer killed and wounded.  
You had nothing to do with the war or the decisions to send an Alaskan unit, but it would be nice for the members if you were there to see them off.  
My prayer is that despite my son-in-law's worst expectations, you will not have to meet grieving spouses and/or children and/or parents but be there to greet

all of the unit when they return.

wj\_phillips@hotmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 8:58 AM  
To: davies@mtaonline.net  
Subject: RE: Fish\_and\_Game

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2007 6:01 PM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Fish\_and\_Game

Web mail from: Mr. David Stephens  
address: 5881 Camborne Dr. Palmer AK 99645  
(907) 357-2535

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Sarah --  
I am a sixty-one year old Alaskan resident who has been a hunter all of my life. The bear hunt near the Katmai Bear Viewing area is outrageous. Those bears are tame! Channel Two News in Anchorage showed footage tonight of bears walking up to people. Shooting the bears is simply slaughter!  
The current bear hunt near Katmai should be stopped immediately.  
Please take action to close this hunt down. People can hunt bears, if they must, in an area where they have not been fed.

davies@mtaonline.net

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**From:** Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2007 8:52 AM  
**To:** Leschper, Beth (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: MTV

Bristol wants to get there early. We're downstairs and will be looking for coffee until we hear from you. She left a msg on Tom's phone.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Leschper, Beth (GOV)  
**To:** Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); ExternalEmailgsp  
**Sent:** Mon Oct 08 08:06:37 2007  
**Subject:** MTV

Governor:

If you would prefer to rest, Tom and I can get Bristol to the studio. If you would prefer to go, they will have a place for you to sit and watch on a monitor.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 8:51 AM  
To: info@akwildlife.com  
Subject: RE: Fish\_and\_Game

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Saturday, October 06, 2007 7:00 AM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Fish\_and\_Game

Web mail from: Mr. Leo Keeler

address: P.O. Box 190647 Anchorage AK 99519

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin, I am sure you have heard about and hopefully seen the disgraceful hunting practices within Katmai National Park and Preserve. In case you have not seen it, the video is at <http://www.nationalparkstraveler.com/podcast/2007/bear-hunt-katmai-national-preserve-sporting-or-ethical> I spent over 10 years as President of Friends of McNeil River (FOMR). I tried to get the State of Alaska, especially the Board of Game, to recognize that the bears that visit McNeil River are much more valuable for wildlife viewing rather than hunting. During all those years, hunters, especially Alaska Outdoor Council representatives and their lobbyists, said when the bears leave the area, they regain their fear of humans and all bear hunting in the area is "fair chase". This video proves they were only trying to retain full control of wildlife issues and ignore wildlife viewer's desires and values. You should expect radical hunters to continue to say this is fair ch

ase because the animals are free roaming and ATV's are not used to chase them down. Just being free roaming is not a good definition of Fair Chase. They will say they are "sharing" wildlife, but they can not say they respect the values and needs of non-hunters. If there was a need to reduce bear numbers, this type harvest might be acceptable. However, since this is a trophy hunt, with meat left in the field, this hunt truly displays the control hunting lobbyists have in Alaska, and the losses all other Alaskans are suffering. Bear viewing at McNeil River has declined to an all time low, partially because hunting in nearby areas has increased to 10 times the historic average. During the Paint River Fish Ladder controversy in the early 90's, an agreement was reached that if bear numbers declined, ADF&G would find the cause and take action. Reducing hunting pressure is one of the things that could help stop the decline of bears at McNeil River and maintain the "McNeil Experi

ence". However, no action has been taken!

because the ADF&G always fights any attempt to limit hunting, and they continue to ignore requests for them to support wildlife viewer's needs and values. Only when the State, hopefully you, stand up and call for emphasis being placed on wildlife viewing in areas such as Katmai and McNeil River, will anyone be able to say wildlife is managed for everyone's needs and values.rnrnThere is a law suit currently in progress that attempts to force the State to recognize that wildlife management under the current Board of Game process violates Alaska's Constitution. That law suit will not be resolved for a long time. I hope that as you see how this video is impacting Alaska, that you, the Governor, stop this hunt. If you do act to stop this hunt, you may finally be seen

as acting in the best interest of all Alaskans, not just the few who want an easy way to hang a trophy on their wall.rnrnSincerely,rnrnLeo Keeler  
[info@akwildlife.com](mailto:info@akwildlife.com)

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2007 1:35 PM  
**To:** Smith; Lynne M (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Oil Tax Forum

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**From:** Wayne Stevens [mailto:wstevens@alaskachamber.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2007 11:44 AM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Oil Tax Forum



The Alaska Journal of Commerce & the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring a policy forum to discuss oil production decline and state tax policy. Selected state officials, legislators, petroleum company managers and Alaska business leaders will participate.

The forum will discuss implications of the present decline in North Slope oil production, steps that can be taken to delay or mitigate decline until commercial gas production begins, and the role that state tax policy will play in investment decisions that will affect oil production levels.

October 11, 2007

Location: Egan Convention Center 11:00 am to 1:30 pm Anchorage, Alaska

Price: Pay In Advance \$25.00- At Event \$30.00

Register on line at <http://www.alaskachamber.com/artmar/publish/>

Panel Members to Include:

Commissioner Patrick Galvin State of Alaska, Department of Revenue  
Marc Langland - President / CEO, Northrim Bank  
Representative Mike Hawker - (R) House District 32 Anchorage  
Steve Reiger - S. Rieger & Company  
Representative Mike Doogan - (D) House District 25 Anchorage

Plus representatives from the following organizations:

Conoco Phillips - [conocophillips.com](http://conocophillips.com)  
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**From:** Mason, Janice L (GOV) [janice.mason@alaska.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2007 5:01 PM

**To:** Leschper, Beth (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

**Cc:** Palin, Sarah H (GOV)

**Subject:** RE: Newsweek's Inaugural LA Women and Leadership Conference Event

Beth – In looking at the February 2008 calendar the only days that I have marked out is the week of February 10 – 16, 2008. This is the Iron Dog Race dates. Thanks, Janice

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**From:** Leschper, Beth (GOV)

**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2007 4:42 PM

**To:** Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV)

**Cc:** Palin, Sarah H (GOV)

**Subject:** FW: Newsweek's Inaugural LA Women and Leadership Conference Event

**Importance:** High

Mike and Janice:

The governor has agreed to participate in this event.

Janice: Can you give me some tentative dates that I can give to Newsweek?

Beth

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**From:** Lia Macko [mailto:[liamacko@hotmail.com](mailto:liamacko@hotmail.com)]

**Sent:** Mon 10/8/2007 4:30 PM

**To:** Leschper, Beth (GOV)

**Cc:** [Mark.Block@Newsweek.com](mailto:Mark.Block@Newsweek.com); [Amy.Butler@Newsweek.com](mailto:Amy.Butler@Newsweek.com)

**Subject:** Newsweek's Inaugural LA Women and Leadership Conference Event

Beth:

It was a pleasure to speak with you briefly this evening to confirm the PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Sponsorship of Newsweek's Inaugural Los Angeles Women and Leadership Conference. Per our discussion, this gathering will be scheduled as an evening reception and forum discussion in February 2008 at a precise date mutually agreeable to both Governor Palin and Governor Napolitano.

A discussion between the two Governors will be moderated by Newsweek's West Coast Editor, Karen Breslau, and each leader will be invited to discuss how their independent and unique governing styles apply in their respective states, each with very different political demographics. This discussion will complement Karen Breslau's article about the Governors that appears in the Third Annual Women and Leadership issue on newsstands now. Invited guests will include an impressive list of women in leadership positions representing entertainment, business, academic philanthropic and academic communities.

We'd like to announce this event tomorrow as an extension of our annual East Coast Women and Leadership events. Please confirm receipt of this email and Governor Palin's willingness to have this special event introduced and acknowledged at tomorrow's event.

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Feel free to reach me at any hour via email or on my cell phone at 917-667-0955.

Thanks and best,

Lia Macko

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**From:** John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org](mailto:jwkatz@ALASKADC.org)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2007 7:51 AM  
**To:** Leschper; Beth (GOV); Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)  
**Cc:** Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Ruar; Randall P (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Persily; Larry A (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Empire editorial

I did catch this earlier. So, in a previous email to you and others, I mentioned that we had contacted the Congressional delegation within minutes of the press release. This was in accordance with the roll-out plan discussed the night before with various members of your staff.

Therefore, it is true that the Congressional delegation did not get advance notice. The press release was issued at approximately 7am in Alaska, and we advised the Congressional delegation through the usual channels shortly after 11am, DC time.

What is not true is statements made by Congressional delegation staff, and described by Robert Dillon in an FNM article, that they received no notice or read about the decision in the media.

Whether right or wrong, the decision was made not to provide prior notice

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Hope this helps.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is [jwkatz@alaskadc.org](mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org). Thank you .

>>> On 10/8/2007 at 11:07 AM, in message  
<15DAF56A25149D49B9666AF78A638FFED64466@SOAJNUMSG03.soa.alask  
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**Cc:** Kristina Y (GOV) Perry; Randall P (GOV) Ruaro; Russell T (GOV) Kelly; John Katz; Larry Persily  
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**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2007 11:25 PM  
**To:** 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
**Subject:** Returned to Anch

I will be in Anchorage Tuesday, one day earlier than planned. Got to Shishmaref today, but couldn't get into Wales due to weather.

Then, Larry and I couldn't get a room in Nome. PFD weekend. Hope you have a good trip.

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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]  
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 5:06 PM  
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
Subject: Fw: Meeting with Becky H.

Do any of the times below work for you to see Becky H in my office next Monday?

Just got back to Nome from Shishmaref. Went there today as we were weathered out of Wales.

----- Original Message -----

From: Showalter, Kristine D (GOV)  
To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)  
Cc: Pullins, Jay D (GOV)  
Sent: Mon Oct 08 12:24:01 2007  
Subject: Meeting with Becky H.

LG:

Becky can meet with you next Monday at either 815a (prior to your conference at 9 that the Governor is speaking at), at noon (directly after your meeting with the Gov, scheduled to end at 1145), or after 3pm. You have the afternoon blocked off as do not schedule since you are headed to DC the next morning.

I told her to plan on noon for now, unless you decide to pick another time. You also have a 115 with the British Consul General.

We could bring lunch up from Dianne's if you want, or just let her know it will be a "working lunch" and to bring something with her if she wants.

KS

Kristine Showalter I Deputy Chief of Staff

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**From:** Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2007 4:20 PM  
**To:** Leschper, Beth (GOV); ExternalEmailgsp  
**Subject:** Re: announce tomorrow

This sounds good - I just can't do it during Iron Dog week, which is usually Mid-February... and we have a Nat'l Gov's Washington, DC mtg with the President towards the end of February.

I'd love to squeeze in the west coast leadership conf!

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Leschper, Beth (GOV)  
**To:** ExternalEmailgsp; Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
**Sent:** Mon Oct 08 16:14:26 2007  
**Subject:** announce tomorrow

Governor:

Newsweek magazine is planning an inaugural West Coast Women in Leadership conference in February 2008-- similar to the one you'll be participating in tomorrow.

They are inviting you and Gov. Napolitano to be keynote speakers in the area of politics.

AND they would like to make the announcement during the conference tomorrow. Right now, all you would need to answer is yes to attending the conference.

Newsweek staff will work with scheduling to select suitable dates. They would also handle all details -- our only commitment would be your availability to speak.

If you'd like to discuss this, you can give me a call in my room 1406.

Beth

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From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV) [kris.perry@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 3:46 PM  
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)  
Subject: RE: Rhonda

I spoke with Rhonda. She'll be calling you either from her cell [Privileged or] or her mom's number in Kentucky [Privileged or Pe].

Kris

-----Original Message-----

From: "Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)" <govpalin@alaska.gov>  
To: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>  
Sent: 10/8/2007 7:16 AM  
Subject: Rhonda

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 2:51 PM  
To: Leschper, Beth (GOV)  
Subject: Re:

Yes we'll hurry

----- Original Message -----

From: Leschper, Beth (GOV)  
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Mon Oct 08 14:50:03 2007  
Subject:

Are you two doing ok?

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From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV) [kris.perry@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 1:25 PM  
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Follow-up: Rhonda

FYI, I left a message for Rhonda but have not heard back yet.

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2007 2:07 PM  
To: MLester@adn.com  
Subject: Re: Photo

Next time put your little one in the pic, too! Nothing is more beautiful than a toddler.

Keep up the great work.

----- Original Message -----

From: Lester, Marc <MLester@adn.com>  
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Fri Oct 05 09:17:30 2007  
Subject: RE: Photo

Thanks so much, Governor. That was a scene my 16-month-old and I came across on a hike on my day off (actually I did the hiking, while he kicks me in the back and pokes my head). The Turnagain Arm Trail is one of our special places. I'm glad you like the photo and really appreciate your taking the time to send me a note. I hope to get a chance to see it hanging in your offices sometime.

Thanks again,

Marc Lester

Staff photographer

Anchorage Daily News

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [mailto:govpalin@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Thu 10/4/2007 1:11 PM  
To: Lester, Marc  
Cc:  
Subject: Photo

Hi Marc:

Your fall colors photo that ran yesterday is the prettiest autumn picture I've ever seen.

We're ordering a copy for the Anchorage office.

You are talented - your talent captured that most beautiful scene.

Thank you!

Sarah Palin

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**From:** Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 07, 2007 1:34 PM  
**To:** Balash, Joseph R (GOV)  
**Cc:** Galvin, Patrick S (DOR); Davis, Marcia R (DOR); Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Rutherford, Martha K (DNR); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Anders, Bruce F (DNR); Leschper, Beth (GOV); PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Re: Adn today

Very good. Thank you Joe (and Pat - I so appreciate your good info and reminders in this morning's email).

It seems almost foreign to R and D leggies that we're sincere in our offer and desire to work together on this. There's obvious paranoia in the bodies that results in this obstructing wall built of assumptions that we "must be up to somethin'... surely they can't be willing to work together and maybe even compromise on this... that's not the way politics work...".

I'm truly anxious to hear if they've got more/better info than we have to prove their way is better (whatever their way turns out to be), though I'm doubting that will come from the R's if they've really re-hired Pedro to come testify against ACES, and it can't come from the D's unless they can plug in numbers that prove our good ol' gross idea needs to be revisited.

Thanks guys. I appreciate you and look forward to our town hall meetings.

Really, none of us (leggies included) have anything to gain w/politics as usual in this oil valuation system. AK has everything to lose, in fact, if we let leggies pull us that route. Non-partisan, factual, confident presentation of our information will lead us to AK's success. Getting them to believe that is the challenge.

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**Sent:** Sun Oct 07 10:05:55 2007  
**Subject:** Re: Adn today

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On the audit front, we have a three part plan to address these challenges. Its people, information, and very clear rules.

We need the highly skilled auditors with company experience to help us find the needles in the haystack. However, auditors are only as good as the information they have to work with. Currently, we are getting cost data after the moneys been spent. We need to change that. We want to get forward-looking data, current information reported in real-time and in a meaningful format, and we want their returns to be amended as soon as they know its necessary.

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Governor,

Both Marcia and Joe attended the event; I was returning from DC yesterday. Marcia is a constituent of these guys, and has attended similar events in the past. I haven't gotten a de-brief yet, just an aside contained in a message from Joe that the event was primarily gross vs. net, and the Gara/Crawford message that there needed to be political compromise (mostly from us) for a solution to emerge.

I was also troubled by the Marcia quote from article, and the implication that ACES just accepts the failings inherent in a net tax. I would guess the paper's paraphrase cut out Marcia's likely description of the ACES call for more auditors and more information to make a net workable. But this is the problem with a complex issue. This event was designed to rally the troops for a gross tax, and that was clearly the primary message. The article was actually less tilted than I expected, and does demonstrate the forces on both sides of us. A week ago the headlines said we were taking too much, this week we're taking too little.

The gross guys are not providing any data to support their plan. The bottom line is they don't have data. Just the belief that gross should be better, and that we can have a gross and include "investment credits or incentives to the oil producers to work parts of those fields where it is more difficult now to extract oil." This strategy sounds good, it was one we believed in just a few months ago, but we hit real barriers to making this succeed. Our challenge is to quickly get that information out in the public discussion, so the limitations of the gross strategy can be understood. In private meetings with these legislators, it is clear they don't understand the oil economics as well as we may have thought, and they don't have any ideas that we didn't test already. The question will be whether they can change their position in the face of unbiased information in the interests of the state, or if they will stick to their rhetoric for political purposes.

We're in the early stages of implementing our communication and outreach plan. The community briefings will provide a forum to get our message out in a similar setting to yesterday's event. In addition to the gross vs. net issue, where the economists will describe why the numbers led us away from a gross, we will also cover the state's audit and information needs, the government share issue, and closing the loopholes in PPT (i.e. corrosion).

Our most valuable weapon is the unity between DOR, DNR, and the Governor's office. We got here together, and I know that each of the team members supports the direction we're heading. We need to let the public see that. It will be demonstrated at the community briefings, and throughout the session. Just their presence sends a powerful message. Tom and Marty have committed to help in whatever way they can, and Antony and his commercial folks continue to work closely with our economists to develop the materials we will be using over the next two months. This continues to be a true team effort.

-Pat

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Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2007 8:40 AM  
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)  
Subject: Fw:Adn today

Just fyi

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To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV).  
Cc: Leschper, Beth (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)  
Subject: Adn

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**Sent:** Sunday, October 07, 2007 8:10 PM  
**To:** Sarah Palin  
**Subject:** Good Newsweek article! Congrats!

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**From:** stanley tom [stanley\_tom2003@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2007 10:13 AM  
**To:** Palin; Sarah H (GOV); george cannelos; dick cattanach; julie kitka; kathie wasserman; vince beltrami; karen perdue; Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)  
**Cc:** mark allred; kathy berzanske; valerie boyd; lIndesy cipriano; automne cirosta; denali daniels; corrine elio; jodi fondy; jamilla george; sharon guenther; janet hall; krag johnsen; karen johnson; gene kane; Marsh; Michael S (LAS); paul mcintosh; mariah mcnair; nancy merriman; kathy prentki; jennifer price; tessa rinner  
**Subject:** Newtok resolution # 07-39 and Newtok Health Assessment by YKHC

Honorable Governor Sarah palin, Commissioners and staffs

Please see the attachment, I'm very sadden by the Newtok health assessment, I've been avoiding all of the things happening here, but Newtok village has been suspended all these years and result of it is alarming, the report is for your information.

Stanley Tom, Tribal Administrator

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Cc: 'fek9wnr@mtaonline.net'; 'Privileged or Personal Ma  
Subject: RE: Dinner for you and Todd with me and Sandy?

Sounds good. We've been meaning to ask you and Todd for some time. I know your schedule is hectic and fluid so we'll work with you guys to accommodate. Also, if you're schedules require a different time of day (during school hours or before flights??) we can be flexible with our timing. We'll wait to hear back...thanks.

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Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
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Subject: Stevens

Pls let me know if stevens is avail for few min in my office next wk. Thanks

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Take care,

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From: Frank Bailey [ftb907@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Saturday, October 06, 2007 11:46 AM  
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Re: HELLO

Yes the appointments are done but the presser was going Mon so we could send the cacfa names at the same time. My understanding was all appointees and unsuccessfuls for D&A Council were notified yesterday by 3pm, apparently she was not reached. I'll call her now.

I did not hear back from Mike on cacfa so we will send this presser out Monday regardless.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)" <govpalin@alaska.gov>

Date: Sat, 06 Oct 2007 11:15:18

Cc:ftb907@yahoo.com

Subject: Fw: HELLO

Is she getting appt'd this wk?

----- Original Message -----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

To: McCorkell, Amy B (DOA)

Sent: Sat Oct 06 11:14:47 2007

Subject: Re: HELLO

The board assignments are supposed to happen this week! Sorry everything takes so long in govt!

I'm going to NY so cant do a get-together this next week.

Hope you're out riding your bike.

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From: McCorkell, Amy B (DOA)  
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Sent: Wed Oct 03 07:52:51 2007  
Subject: HELLO

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Sent: Saturday, October 06, 2007 11:16 AM  
To: PARSELL, S (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Re: Dinner for you and Todd with me and Sandy?

Oops.

fek9wnr@yahoo.com

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "PARSELL, S (GOV sponsored)" <sr.parnell@alaska.gov>

Date: Sat, 06 Oct 2007 11:10:32

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: RE: Dinner for you and Todd with me and Sandy?

Strange, Todd's version of my email just bounced back--did his address look right on your version?..

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**Sent:** Thu Oct 04 11:36:06 2007  
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To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
Subject: Oct 12

J- when I hop off the plane from Fairbanks on Oct 12 I can run over to the Installation of the New Rabbi at the Beth Shalom synogogue - I can get there as soon as possible after my 8pm arrival. Thanks for rsvp-ing to whomever invited me.

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Sent: Saturday, October 06, 2007 3:14 PM  
To: Colberg, Talis J (LAW)  
Subject: Re: Call.

The msg i get says not in service at  Privileged. I'm in the air now. I'll be in Anchorage in a couple hrs and can try to call again then

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From: Colberg, Talis J (LAW)  
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Sat Oct 06 14:01:14 2007  
Subject: Re: Call.

I don't know what is happening with the phone. It seems to work. I just left you another message. When will you be done with your trip? Talis.

----- Original Message -----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
To: Colberg, Talis J (LAW)  
Sent: Sat Oct 06 13:18:04 2007  
Subject: Re: Call.

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Go get 'em in NY!

Bruce

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From: "Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)" <govpalin@alaska.gov>  
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**Subject:** Re: Law of the Sea/Latest Developments

Thanks John. Has our delegation shown more enthusiasm for ratification?

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-----Original Message-----

From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 08:46:13

To:"Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Cora Crome" <cora\_crome@gov.state.ak.us>, "Mike Nizich" <mike\_nizich@gov.state.ak.us>, "Mike Tibbles" <michael\_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>, "Sam Bishop" <sbishop@ALASKADC.org>, "Talis Colberg" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

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**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2007 10:05 PM  
**To:** Frye; Ivy J (DOA)  
**Subject:** Re: Palmer wins by 10!!!

WELL- I was tempted!!! But what could I say - the Warriors didn't produce and I'll just pretend it didn't really happen! :). So we can bond over jdhs taking it all the way!

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**From:** "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

**Date:** Fri, 05 Oct 2007 22:02:55

**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com

**Subject:** Re: Palmer wins by 10!!!

Fyi, they beat your warriors. You're hard to get riled up. I'm w you, jdhs is going all the way this year.

----- Original Message -----

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**Sent:** Fri Oct 05 22:00:27 2007

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**To:** Katz; John W (GOV)  
**Cc:** 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Request for your help

John,

In our call today I'd like to talk about the request I have from the NLGA regarding contacting our congressional delegation on the National Defense Authorization Act. Specifically, the NLGA passed a resolution urging Congress to repeal Section 1076 of the Act and to open a dialogue with governors regarding how best to enhance the effectiveness of the Guard (under the command of our governor) in responding to domestic disasters and emergencies. I believe the governor has already communicated with Congress on this and I would like to do so as well, assuming alignment with the governor's position. Supposedly, the standing committees are working in conference now on the bill. Look forward to the call.

Sean

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**From:** Dubie, Brian [mailto:[Brian.Dubie@state.vt.us](mailto:Brian.Dubie@state.vt.us)]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2007 8:26 AM  
**Subject:** Request for your help

Dear Lt. Governor,

I'm writing to you to ask for your help.

Could you please contact your Congressional delegation today, concerning Section 1076 of the National Defense Authorization Act?

**RESOLUTION REGARDING URGED CHANGE TO  
THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT**

As you may recall, at the NLGA's Winter Meeting last March, we passed the bi-partisan resolution cited above, with Lt. Gov. John Bohlinger (MT), Lt. Gov. Michael Fedele (CT), Lt. Gov. Elizabeth Roberts (RI), Lt Gov Rick Sheehy (NB), Lt Gov Patty Judge (IO), Lt Gov Mark Parkinson (KS) and Lt Gov Anthony Brown (MD) all joining with me as co-sponsors.

I have attached the resolution for your review.

Senate and House Armed Services Committees are working in conference right now on this bill.

To make certain that NLGA's strong recommendations concerning a governor's authority over the Guard and Reserves are reflected in the final legislation, PLEASE JOIN ME IN FORWARDING THE

RESOLUTION (attached) TO YOUR US SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN TODAY.

If you would like to discuss the resolution or the federal legislation, please feel free to call me at 802-828-2226.

Thank you,

Brian

Brian Dubie  
Lieutenant Governor  
The State House  
Montpelier, Vermont 05633-5401  
Tel: 802-828-2226  
Fax: 802-828-3198  
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**Cc:** Talis Colberg; Sam Bishop; Cora Crome; Michael Tibbles; Mike Nizich  
**Subject:** Law of the Sea/Latest Developments

Per your request for periodic updates, below is a good summary of recent developments in the Senate concerning the Convention on the Law of the Sea.

As you will note, there appears to be overwhelming support on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and among knowledgeable experts for Senate ratification. There are several reasons for this, not the least of which is the issue discussed in your recent correspondence to Alaska's Senators; that is, the Convention would enhance the ability of the US to assert claims to territory beneath the Arctic Ocean.

Unless there is some major development, I probably won't provide any additional updates unless and until Senate ratification occurs.

**Law of the Sea**

**Senate Foreign Relations Members Pledge**

**Action on United Nations Law of Sea Treaty**

U.S. ratification of the United Nations' Law of the Sea treaty drew support from key members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at a hearing Oct. 4.

Sen. Robert Menendez (D-N.J.) said he would push for the international treaty that governs ocean protection to be brought to the Senate floor as quickly as possible.

Menendez, who heads the Foreign Relations Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs, chaired the full committee meeting in the absence of Sen. Joseph Biden (D-Del.).

It was the second hearing the committee has held on the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea, following a Sept. 27 hearing at which Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte and others testified.

Sen. Richard Lugar (Ind.), the committee's ranking Republican, also lent his support to the treaty.

During the hearing, Lugar said he does not share the sentiments of the treaty's critics, which include Sen. David Vitter (R-La.), who has said the treaty would allow U.S. military vessels to be governed by an international body.

Lugar, however, warned that the Senate's failure to ratify the treaty is tantamount to "allowing decisions that will affect our Navy, our ship operators, our off-shore industries, and other

maritime interests to be made without U.S. representation."

#### No Vote Scheduled

Following the Oct. 4 hearing, Olivia Alair, a Biden spokeswoman, told BNA that the next step for the committee is to vote on the treaty in a business meeting, though she added "one has not been scheduled yet." Biden expressed his support for ratification at the earlier hearing.

Committee Democrats convened the hearing to examine whether the treaty that governs how commercial and military ships conduct themselves on the open seas would protect the environment, while maintaining United States sovereignty.

The Law of the Sea treaty, which took effect in 1994, is the first comprehensive, enforceable international environmental law covering all forms of marine pollution (land-based, atmospheric, ship-borne, and originating from activities on the seabed).

Menendez reminded the witnesses and the panel that the Senate has failed to ratify the treaty, which the Bush administration supports and 155 countries, including Russia and China, have adopted.

Lugar reminded the panelists and the committee that the treaty will continue to form the basis of maritime law regardless of whether the United States is a party. "Consequently, the United States cannot insulate itself from the Convention merely by declining to ratify," he said in written testimony.

Lugar and Menendez dismissed those critics for creating false impressions about the treaty's impacts on U.S. sovereignty.

Biden too dismissed the critics in his Sept. 27 statement. At the time, Biden emphasized that the treaty gives the United States control over its natural resources out to 200 miles, including those on the continental shelf.

"No nation may fish or exploit the minerals of this area without the permission of the United States," Biden said. "Far from threatening our sovereignty, the Convention allows us to secure and extend our sovereign rights."

#### Critics Testify

Despite their condemnation, Fred Smith, president of the Competitive Enterprise Institute, in testimony Oct. 4 described the U.N. treaty as "fatally flawed"

Frank F. Gaffney Jr., president of the Washington, D.C.-based Center for Security Policy, also testified that ratification of the treaty would prove inconsistent with U.S. national security.

Countering Gaffney and Smith were letters of support sent Sept. 24 to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) and Minority Leader Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Kent.) by five former secretaries of state—Madeline Albright, James Baker, Alexander Haig, Colin Powell, and George Shultz.

Negroponte also testified Sept. 27 that President Bush favors the treaty.

"Joining will serve the national security interests of the United States, secure U.S. sovereign rights over extensive marine areas, promote U.S. interests in the environmental health of the oceans, and give the United States a seat at the table when the rights essential to our interests are debated and interpreted," said Negroponte, citing a speech the president gave

May 15 (94 DER A-40, 05/16/07)  a0b4n2b1a4].

A U.N. report on oceans in June noted the rapid deterioration of oceans and called for "urgent action." In the report, U.N. General Secretary Ban Ki-Moon also urged the United States to ratify the treaty.

Likewise, the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative has been pressuring the Senate to ratify the treaty, as part of a package of reforms to improve the environmental health of the oceans and marine ecosystems surrounding the United States. The initiative is a collaboration between the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy and the privately funded Pew Oceans Commission.

End of article graphic

*By Amena H. Sayid*

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To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
Subject: RE: Hub

Sounds great--reminds me of the teen center that Samaritan's Purse volunteers are currently building in coordination with Grant Funk's Covenant Church in Hooper Bay--right on every kid's way home from school.

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Subject: Fw: Hub

Awesome place. If you hear of potential funding sources send them to Juneau Christian Center's Hub.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 22:29:21

To:"Karleen Jackson" <karleen.jackson@alaska.gov>, "Anna Kim" <anna.kim@alaska.gov>  
Cc:"Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "K Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>  
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Just toured Juneau's HUE... what an awesome place for teens this will be! Said I'd do all I could to help find funds (they need \$500g more to open), esp since I vetoed state funds for it - bc of the church relationship.

If we get a chance to put a plug in for the HUB with Rasmussen or other funders, let's do so. Thanks

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Senators Stevens and Murkowski are both supportive. However, Senator Lisa has been more outspoken recently, because she actually sits on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which has jurisdiction over the Convention.

My sense is that the Republican leadership in the Senate is growing impatient with the opponents of the Convention. Therefore, I expect the Committee to schedule a ratification vote sometime soon.

Whether the Convention will actually get to the floor this year is less clear, as floor time is difficult to come by, and the opponents will be loud even if their numbers are small. I would expect both of our Senators to advocate for ratification at that time.

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Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 08:46:13

To:"Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>  
Cc:"Cora Crome" <cora\_crome@gov.state.ak.us>,"Mike Nizich"  
<mike\_nizich@gov.state.ak.us>,"Mike Tibbles"  
<michael\_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>,"Sam Bishop" <sbishop@ALASKADC.org>,"Talis  
Colberg" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Law of the Sea/Latest Developments

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2007 2:33 PM  
To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Fw: Hub

Awesome place. If you hear of potential funding sources send them to Juneau Christian Center's Hub.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 22:29:21

To:"Karleen Jackson" <karleen.jackson@alaska.gov>, "Anna Kim" <anna.kim@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "K Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: Hub

Just toured Juneau's HUB... what an awesome place for teens this will be! Said I'd do all I could to help find funds (they need \$500g more to open), esp since I vetoed state funds for it - bc of the church relationship.

If we get a chance to put a plug in for the HUB with Rasmussen or other funders, let's do so. Thanks

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2007 10:00 AM  
To: fnhcm@uaf.edu  
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2007 8:47 PM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. heather mcintyre  
address: 800 Smythe Street Fairbanks AK 99701  
907-452-4540

### MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin, rnI am writing to you because I feel so apprehensive that we are going to rwnwake up some morning and hear on the news that the US has started a rnpree-emptive bombing campaign against Iran...I have contacted SenatorsrnMurkowski and Stevens and Congressman Young.....but I feel as though myrnoise is not heard ...not heard because I am not a person 'ofrninfluence'...but you are...and you are the only person I know who might be rnwilling to stand up and say "STOP THIS RUSH TO WAR WITH IRAN". If everyrnGovernor, in every State was to voice their opposition to bombingrnIran...then perhaps something could be done before it is too late. rnPlease, please, seriously consider taking a stand on this issue.rnI have copied the text of an article by Reese Erlich from the October 3rdrnissue of AlterNet: <http://www.alternet.org/audits/64221/> :rn"rn;On Sept. 26, by a vote of 76-22, the Senate passed a "sense of

s to declare Iran'srnRevolutionary Guards a terrorist organization. The resolution, pushed byrnformer vice presidential candidate Sen. Joe Lieberman, continues the drumrnbeat for war against Iran.rn The Bush administration is preparing public opinion for a possiblernbombing attack on Iran. As with the months prior to the Iraq invasion, rnmajor Democratic Party leaders are climbing on board.rn Half the warships in the U.S. Navy now sit within striking distance ofrnIran. Bush and Cheney have stepped up their rhetoric accusing Iran ofrnthreatening to start a "nuclear holocaust." The British press arernpredicting that the Bush administration will bomb Iran in the nearrnfuture.rn The White House is using the same propaganda techniques to whip uprnpopular opinion against Iran that it used four years ago against Iraq.rnHere's the real story.rn Iran has no nuclear weapons and couldn't have them for years. ThernInternational Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. body that was rig

ht about WMDs in Iraq, says it has no pr!

cof of Iranian plans to build nuclear bombs. The IAEA recently reached a binding agreement for Iran to reveal its past nuclear activities and allow full inspection of nuclear power sites. The sophisticated EFPs (explosively formed penetrators) supposedly supplied by Iran to militias in Iraq are easily made in Iraqi machine shops and can be purchased commercially for mining operations. For years Iran has given political, economic and military support to Shia and Kurdish militias, but the administration has never proven that Iran is intentionally targeting U.S. soldiers. Iran does not plan, nor does it have the capability of "wiping Israel off the map." If Iran is such an immediate threat to Israel, why hasn't it already launched a conventional missile attack? Such aggression would invite immediate destruction of Iran by both Israel and the United States. So if Iran hasn't started a conventional attack in 28 years, why would it possibly launch an ato

mic attack, even assuming it could develop a few such weapons years from now? Then Iranian leaders are angry; they are not crazy. Iran does support Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in Palestine, but such support does not constitute a threat of Jewish annihilation. Then U.S. and Israeli governments consciously distort and exaggerate Iran's threat in order to justify immediate military action. For two years the United States has helped splinter groups among Iran's ethnic minorities to blow up buildings, assassinate Revolutionary Guards and kill civilians in an effort to destabilize the Tehran regime. In short, the United States does to Iran what it accuses Iran of doing in Iraq. The hardliners in the Bush administration, led by Cheney, see an opportunity to bomb Iran before Bush leaves office. They hope to launch a massive bombing campaign which will so weaken Tehran that the regime will fall and Iranians will see the United States as their savior. Does

this sound the faintest bit familiar? !

In reality, a U.S. attack would be disastrous. Iran could close the Strait of Hormuz, through which 25 percent of the world's oil supplies pass. Oil prices would skyrocket. Iran could encourage Hezbollah to launch missiles into Israel. Muslims would hold demonstrations in Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Iran could mobilize that anger and encourage Shiite parties in Iraq to attack U.S. troops. In a truly nightmare scenario, Iran could encourage terrorist attacks inside the United States and in allied countries. When I interviewed Syria's President Bashar al-Assad in 2006, he said, "If you do a military strike, you will have chaos. It's very dangerous." The people of Iran, leading democracy advocates and even conservative Iranian-American exile groups oppose an attack. They understand that U.S. bombs falling on Tehran will only rally people behind the current government. In an open letter to the United Nations, former political prisoner and Irania

n opposition leader Akbar Ganji wrote, "Even speaking about the possibility of a military attack on Iran makes things extremely difficult for human rights and pro-democracy activists in Iran. No Iranian wants to see what happened to Iraq or Afghanistan repeated in Iran." I don't know with certainty if the United States will attack Iran. It is possible that the Bush administration is ratcheting up militaristic rhetoric in order to intimidate European allies into tightening economic sanctions against Iran. And the decision whether to bomb Iran depends, in part, on actions by the American people. Now is the time to let your national and local politicians know that we don't need another human disaster in the Middle East. Reese Erlich is author of the new book *The Iran Agenda: the Real Story of U.S. Policy and the Middle East Crisis.* Sincerely, Heather McIntyre

fnhcm@uaf.edu

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2007 9:59 AM  
To: akrljordan@hotmail.com  
Subject: RE: Fish\_and\_Game

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2007 11:22 PM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Fish\_and\_Game

Web mail from: Mr. Ronald Jordan  
address: 8170 Woodgreen Cir. Anchorage AK 99518  
907-345-2755

MESSAGE:

When you took office you said in a speach "Grow More Moose". When is that going to happen? ADF & G in Game unit 20 are hunting cows and calves. Why? Why not transplant them to Unit 5 which needs them. or transplant the orphan calves left over from a auto accident in Anchorage, Fairbanks or other locations. rn ADF & G for the past several years have been wasting Alaskas wildlife resources. I would like to see our managment in our wildlife recources changed. It ADF & G needs to manage wildlife not the people. rn Thank You  
Ronald Jordan  
Anchorage Alaska

akrljordan@hotmail.com

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From: Frank Bailey [ftb907@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2007 8:21 AM  
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Can i get a reachable # for Rhonda mcbride?

We'll do it.

-----Original Message-----

From: "Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)" <govpalin@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 08:10:45

To: ftb907@yahoo.com, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Can i get a reachable # for Rhonda mcbride?

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Date: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 07:47:27

To: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Cc: ftb907@yahoo.com

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**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2007 8:16 AM  
**To:** Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)  
**Cc:** ftb907@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** RE: Can i get a reachable # for Rhonda mcbride?

We can.

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**From:** "Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)" <govpalin@alaska.gov>  
**To:** "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>  
**Cc:** "ftb907@yahoo.com" <ftb907@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** 10/5/2007 8:13 AM  
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To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)  
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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2007 8:09 AM  
To: Frye; Ivy J (DOA)  
Subject: Re:

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 07:59:50

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Re:

Nah, he has a young one in anc too. I called and gave him a hard time after the news last night. I said, "aren't you still trying to recover from the last time you didn't keep your mouth shut?" He was ingracious of course,

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Fri Oct 05 07:35:37 2007

Subject: Re:

Between being called McCarthy, and back in the day all of us called Communists... well sheesh!

Maybe Jay's missing his little lady and feels frustrated lately. I'll have to keep him away from Bristol.

The girls and I are in windy Juneau today!

-----Original Message-----

From: Ivy Frye

To: Governor Sarah Palin

Sent: Oct 4, 2007 10:12 PM

Subject:

Holy cow! We get home and the first thing we see is ramras on tv. We just ran into him in the airport too and he was nice as pie. I'm not impressed! That's me tho...

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From: Frank Bailey [ftb907@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2007 8:02 AM  
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Can i get a reachable # for Rhonda mcbride?

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Cc: Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Polar Bears/Oil Development

I agree and thanks for the info John.

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From: "John. Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 10:30:13

To: "Ben Greene" <ben.greene@alaska.gov>, "Marty Rutherford" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>, "Dick Lefebvre" <richard.lefebvre@alaska.gov>, "Tom Irwin" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>, "Randy Bates" <randy\_bates@dnr.state.ak.us>

Cc: "Joseph Balash" <joe\_balash@gov.state.ak.us>, "Michael Tibbles" <michael\_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>, "Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Polar Bears/Oil Development

I thought that you might want to see the letters below, together with my reaction, concerning the effect of a polar bear listing on North Slope oil development.

Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

P.S.

Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is <<mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org>> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you.

>>> On 10/4/2007 at 8:05 AM, in message <47049EA3.CD3B.0090.3@ALASKADC.org>, John Katz wrote:

Thanks for forwarding Congressman Inslee's letters. It's interesting to note that, despite all available evidence to the contrary, Inslee wants to foreclose oil and gas development pending further USFWS action. I've also been concerned that the USGS studies would lead to calls for an endangered determination.

Is it worth circulating a "Dear Colleague" letter pointing out previous statements by Secretary Kempthorne and the USFWS that neither subsistence use nor oil and gas development appears to be a causal factor in the loss of critical habitat?

>>> On 10/3/2007 at 5:41 PM, in message <F73D529D0F6FBF4EA9DEB54ED10BE00B574426@HRM09.US.House.gov>, "Kennedy, Kevin V." <Kevin.V.Kennedy@mail.house.gov> wrote:

FYI!!!

From: Osborne, Beth  
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2007 3:24 PM  
To: Dear Colleague  
Subject: Dear Colleague; Environment; Polar Bear Listing

Deadline: COB October 4

October 2, 2007

Sea Ice Reductions will Result in a 2/3rds Loss of Polar Bears by 2050, says USGS

Join Rep. Inslee in Requesting "Endangered" Status

Dear Colleague:

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has concluded that polar bears will almost certainly disappear entirely from Alaska by the middle of this century, and that by that time, we will have lost fully two-thirds of the world's polar bears. The new findings indicate that the polar bear should be protected as "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) because they are in danger of extinction in most of their range. I hope you will join me in sending the below public comment to Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS).

Early this year, FWS proposed to list the polar bear as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act and also directed the USGS to contribute projections on polar bear populations as they related to sea-ice habitat in the Arctic before FWS' final ruling. The nine USGS reports give us a better understanding of how melting sea-ice affects polar bears and show a more precarious future for the species than previously estimated.

While the conclusions of the USGS reports are cause for immediate concern and actions to protect polar bears, they are not cause for despair. The studies focused on the "business as usual" Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change ("IPCC") scenario of future emissions, in which atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations are assumed to reach 717 parts per million by 2100. The studies did not consider a scenario in which greenhouse gas emissions are capped at a much lower level. Stated simply, "business as usual" emissions will drive polar bears to extinction with near certainty, but it is not too late to preserve them if we act now.

Listing the polar bear as endangered under the ESA could provide clear benefits to the species. The ESA is one of the United States' most successful environmental laws and more than 98 percent of the species listed under the ESA still are alive today. Please join me in commenting on these new studies, and urging the service to list the polar bear as endangered under ESA. To sign on, please contact Beth Osborne at <mailto:beth.osborne@mail.house.gov> beth.osborne@mail.house.gov or at 5-6311 by COB October 4, 2007.

Sincerely,

/s/

JAY INSLEE

Member of Congress

October 5, 2007

Ms. Rosa Meehan

Supervisor

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Polar Bear Project Leader

Marine Mammals Management Office

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

1011 East Tudor Road

Anchorage, Alaska 99503

RE: Comments on the Proposal to List the Polar Bear as a Threatened Species (72 Fed. Reg. 53749-53751)

Dear Dr. Meehan:

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has generated new scientific models which, under current conditions, suggest an even more precarious future for polar bears since the initial filing to list the polar bear as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in 2005 and the Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) proposal to list the polar bear as threatened in January. The nine reports by scientists at USGS this month show that the polar bear is in danger of extinction in most of its range. We believe that these new findings indicate that the polar bear should be listed as endangered under ESA.

We appreciate that in considering a final rule, the service requested that the USGS investigate a number of scientific questions relating to polar bears and their sea ice habitat. The USGS conducted these investigations using existing and new observational data and scientific models. Based on this substantial and rigorous effort, as documented in the nine new reports, the USGS has significantly advanced the understanding of sea ice loss and its implications for polar bears.

The USGS has concluded that polar bears will almost certainly disappear entirely from Alaska by the middle of this century, and that we will have lost fully two-thirds of the world's polar bears by this time. The good news is that polar bears may survive in the high Canadian archipelago and portions of Northwest Greenland through the end of this century. However, the risk of extinction for these polar bear populations by the end of the century is still unacceptably high: over 40 percent in the archipelago over 70 percent in Northwest Greenland, under sea ice conditions forecast by the climate models used in the study.

Ominously, new observational data from this summer show that the actual decline of Arctic sea ice, on which polar bears depend, is underestimated by all currently available models.

This suggests that these are conservative estimates and that Polar Bear habitat will likely decline even more quickly than the models project.

The ESA defines an endangered species as "any species which is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range" and a threatened species as "any species which is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range." Under the current circumstances, we believe the polar bear simply must be listed as endangered rangewide.

While the conclusions of the USGS reports are cause for immediate concern and actions to protect polar bears, they are not cause for despair. The USGS study focused on the A1B "business as usual" Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change ("IPCC") scenario of future emissions, in which atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations are assumed to reach 717 parts per million by 2100. The study did not consider a scenario in which greenhouse gas emissions are capped at a much lower level. Stated simply, "business as usual" emissions will drive polar bears to extinction with near certainty, but it is not too late to preserve them if we act now.

Given the perilous status of polar bears in Alaska, we also must maximize the protection of their habitat. We are concerned that the Department of the Interior is moving forward with five lease sales in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas, in polar bear habitat, through its Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Drilling Program for 2007-2012. We believe that any further commitments to fossil fuel development in polar bear habitat should be put on hold until the Fish and Wildlife Service has issued a final listing determination for the polar bear under the ESA.

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to comment on the new data. As you know, the best available science on polar bears and their sea-ice habitat has improved since the initial petition was filed two years ago and there is ever-increasing evidence that the continued existence of the polar bear is endangered. We strongly urge you in this ruling

to continue to adhere to the ESA's mandate to consider solely the best available scientific evidence and not to allow politics to enter this process. We appreciate your serious attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Kevin V. Kennedy  
Legislative Assistant  
The Honorable Don Young  
Congressman for All Alaska  
2111 Rayburn HOB  
202-225-5765